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私は死にかけた事があり
その時から人生には時間の限りがある事を
はっきりと認識した。
死を認識する事で
見えてくるものもあるのではないか。
死を認識し 生を活かす事。生きる事。
そういう物語を描きたいと思った。

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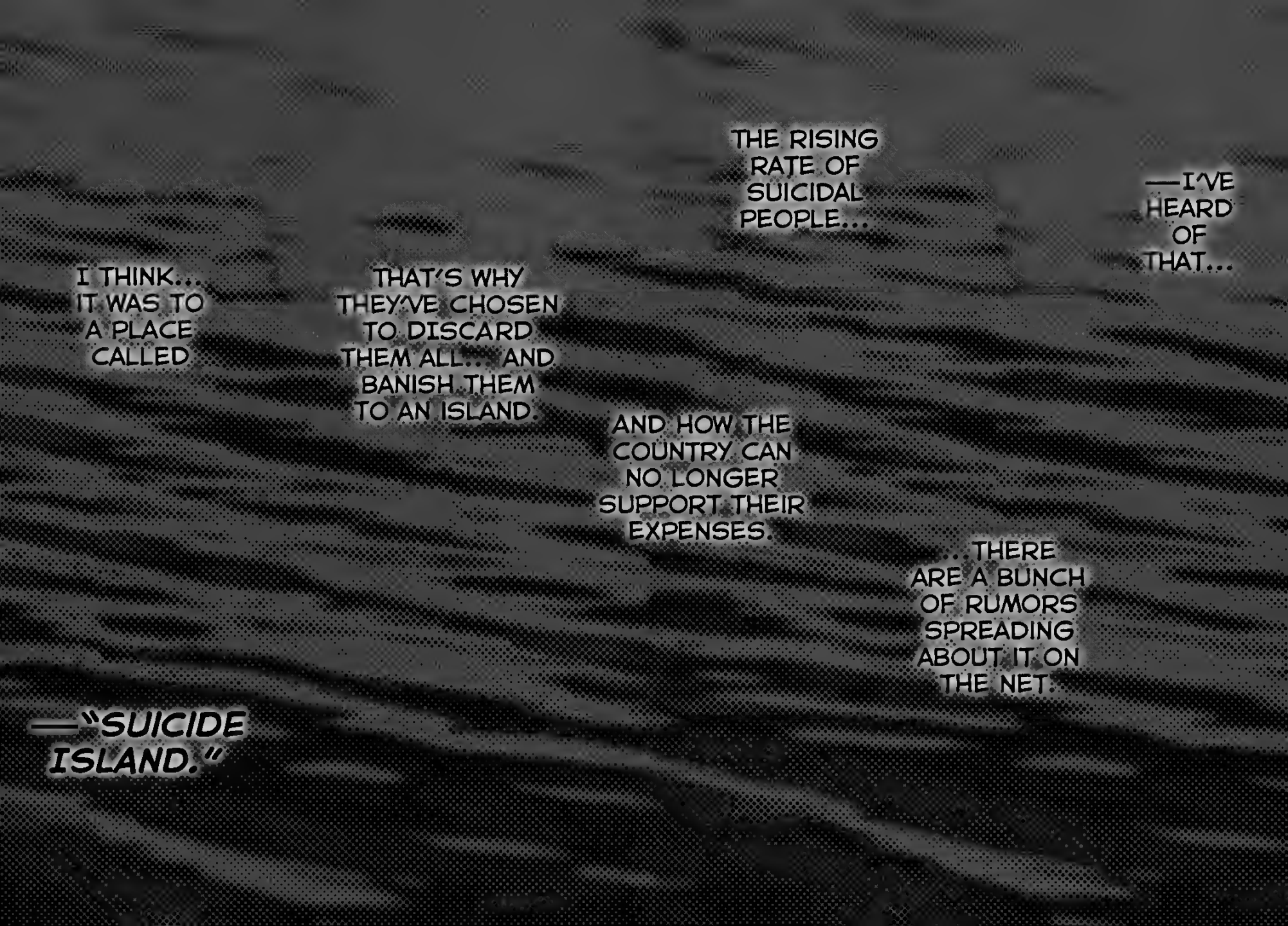
—I'VE HEARD OF THAT...
THE RISING RATE OF SUICIDAL PEOPLE...
I THINK... IT WAS TO A PLACE CALLED
THAT'S WHY THEY'VE CHOSEN TO DISCARD THEM ALL... AND BANISH THEM TO AN ISLAND.
AND HOW THE COUNTRY CAN NO LONGER SUPPORT THEIR EXPENSES.
...THERE ARE A BUNCH OF RUMORS SPREADING ABOUT IT ON THE NET.
—"SUICIDE ISLAND."

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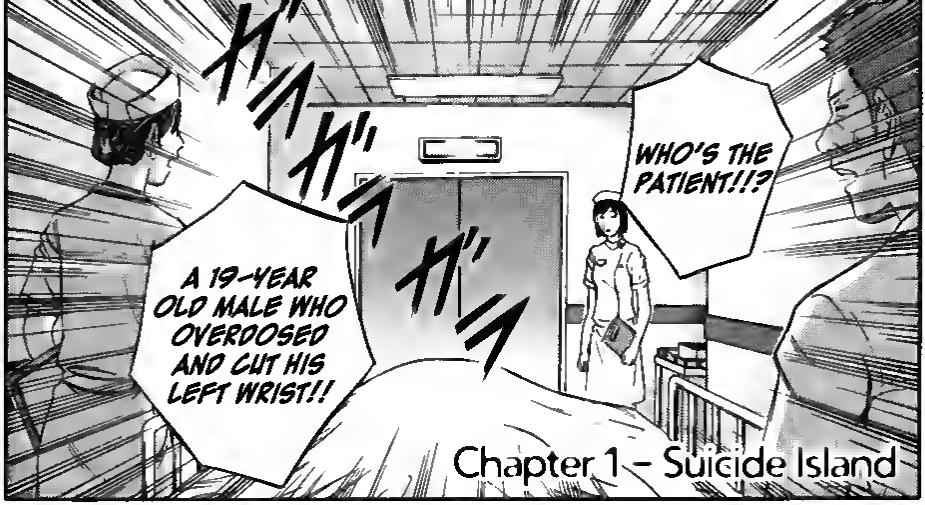
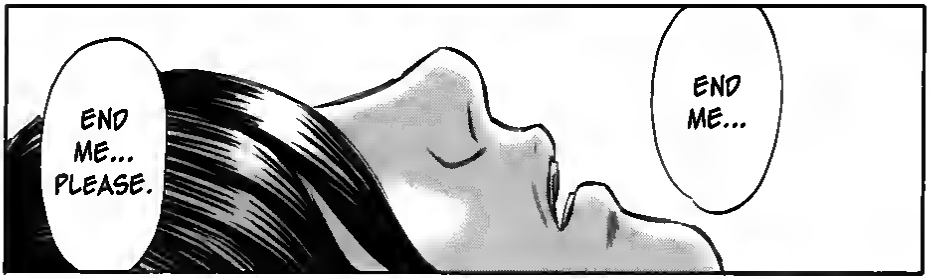
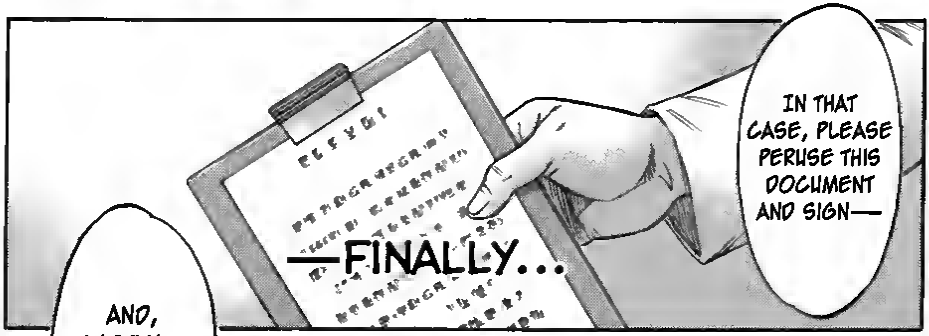


Chapter 1 – Suicide Island

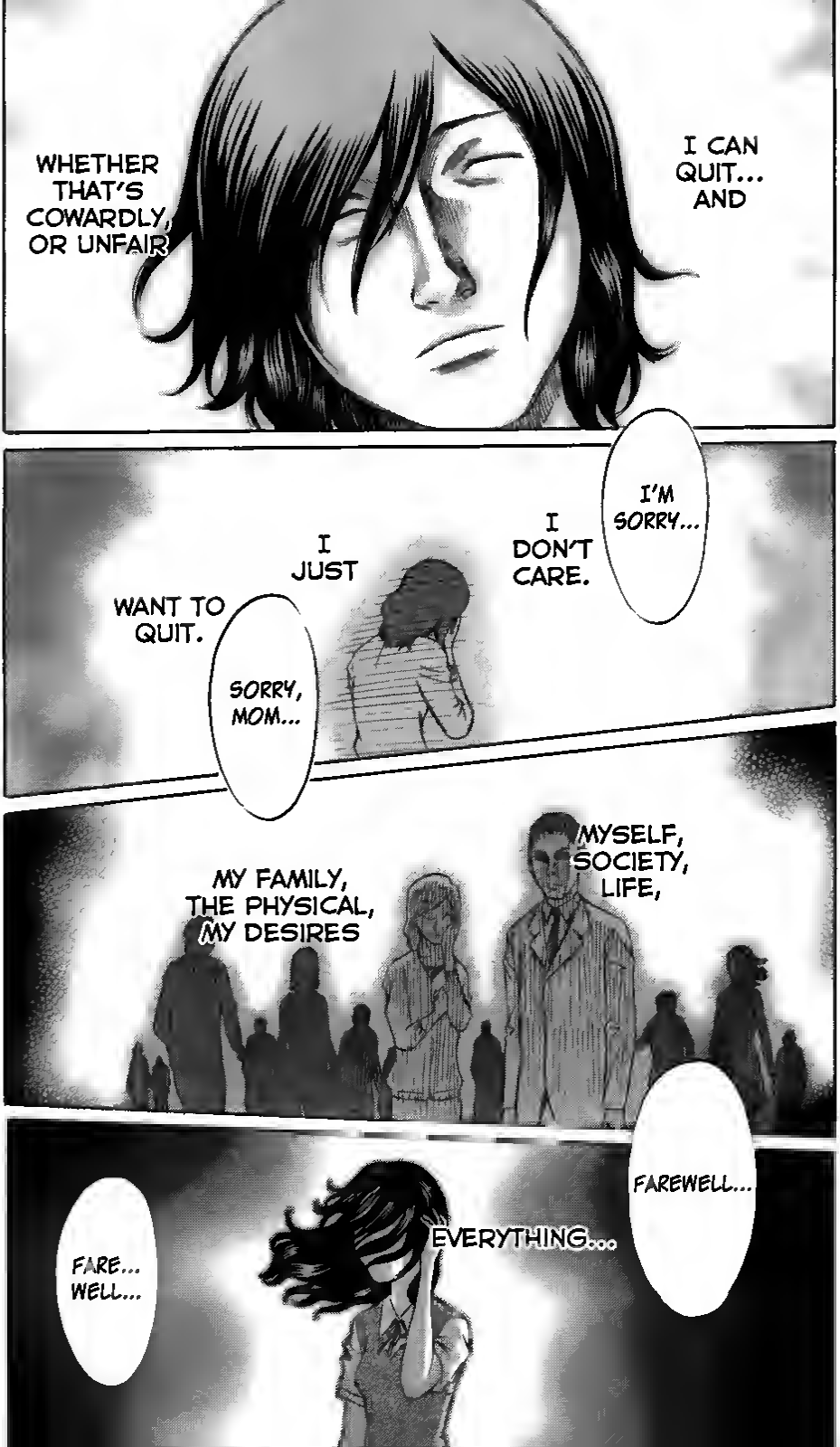
WHAT THE? HE'S BEEN MARKED AS A "HABITUAL."
YES... DO YOU HAVE THE... PAPERWORK?
OF COURSE.
THIS ISN'T SOMETHING FOR US TO DECIDE.
YOU... ARE CONSCIOUS, AREN'T YOU?
LISTEN CAREFULLY TO WHAT I'M ABOUT TO SAY.
EVERY ONE US IS NATURALLY ENSURED THE RIGHT TO LIFE.
BUT AT THE SAME TIME—
WE ALSO HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO LIVE.

AND THOSE WHO DO NOT CARRY OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITY LOSE THEIR RIGHT.
CURRENTLY, THAT PROCESS IS LEFT UP TO THE FREE WILL OF EACH PERSON.
WHAT WILL YOU DO...?

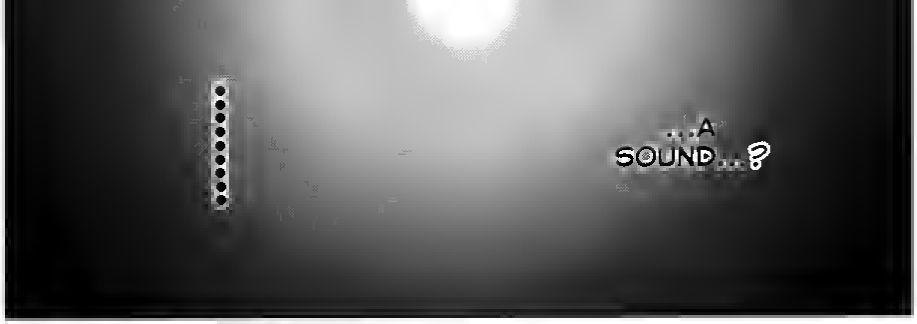

END ME...
END ME... PLEASE.


IN THAT CASE, PLEASE PERUSE THIS DOCUMENT AND SIGN—
—FINALLY...

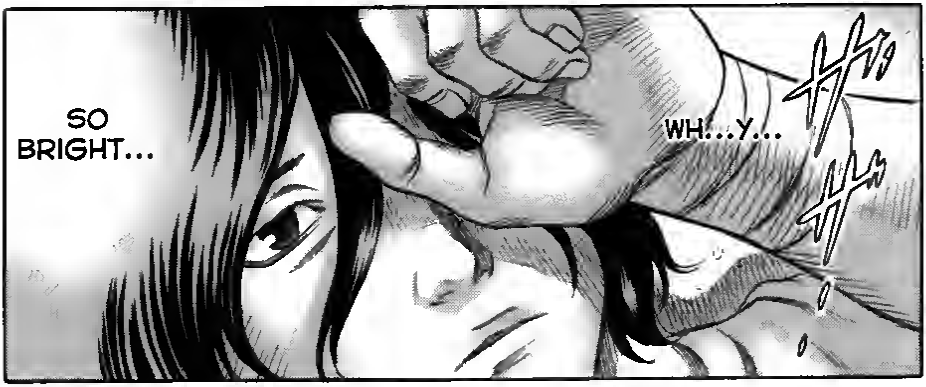
AND, LASTLY... GO TO SLEEP.

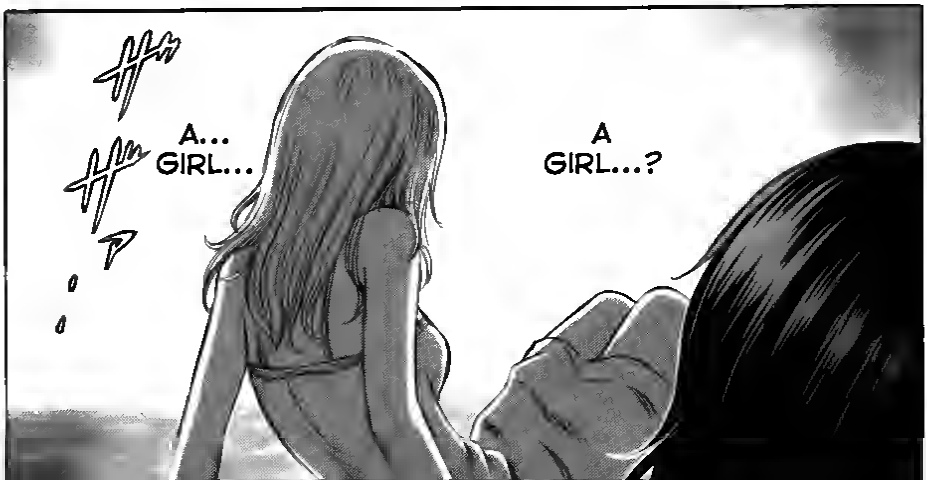

WHETHER THAT'S COWARDLY, OR UNFAIR
I CAN QUIT... AND
I'M SORRY...
I DON'T CARE.
I JUST WANT TO QUIT.
SORRY, MOM...
MYSELF, SOCIETY, LIFE,
MY FAMILY, THE PHYSICAL, MY DESIRES
FAREWELL... EVERYTHING...
FARE... WELL...

I JUST WANT TO BE FREE FROM EVERYTHING...
THAT... AND NOTHING MORE.
THAT'S ALL...


...A SOUND...?

THE SUN... SO BRIGHT...
...IT'S HOT...


SO BRIGHT...
WH...Y...


A... GIRL...
A GIRL...?

HER...
HAIR...
WHAT...
BEAUTIFUL...
HAIR.
SO BEAUTIFUL... SE...N...?
IT'S LIKE EIKO-SENPAI'S.
HAH

I'M NOT DEAD!? I'M... NOT... DEAD!
WHY!!?
GU... UHH...
ZKKK
!!?

WHE...
RE...
AM...
I?
WHERE...
AM I!!?

WHAT IS THIS PLACE!!??

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WHAT... IS THIS ...
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WHAT ...!?
WH- WHAT...!? WHERE... AM I...

WHO... ARE THESE PEOPLE ...!?
AHH... M... MY HEAD...

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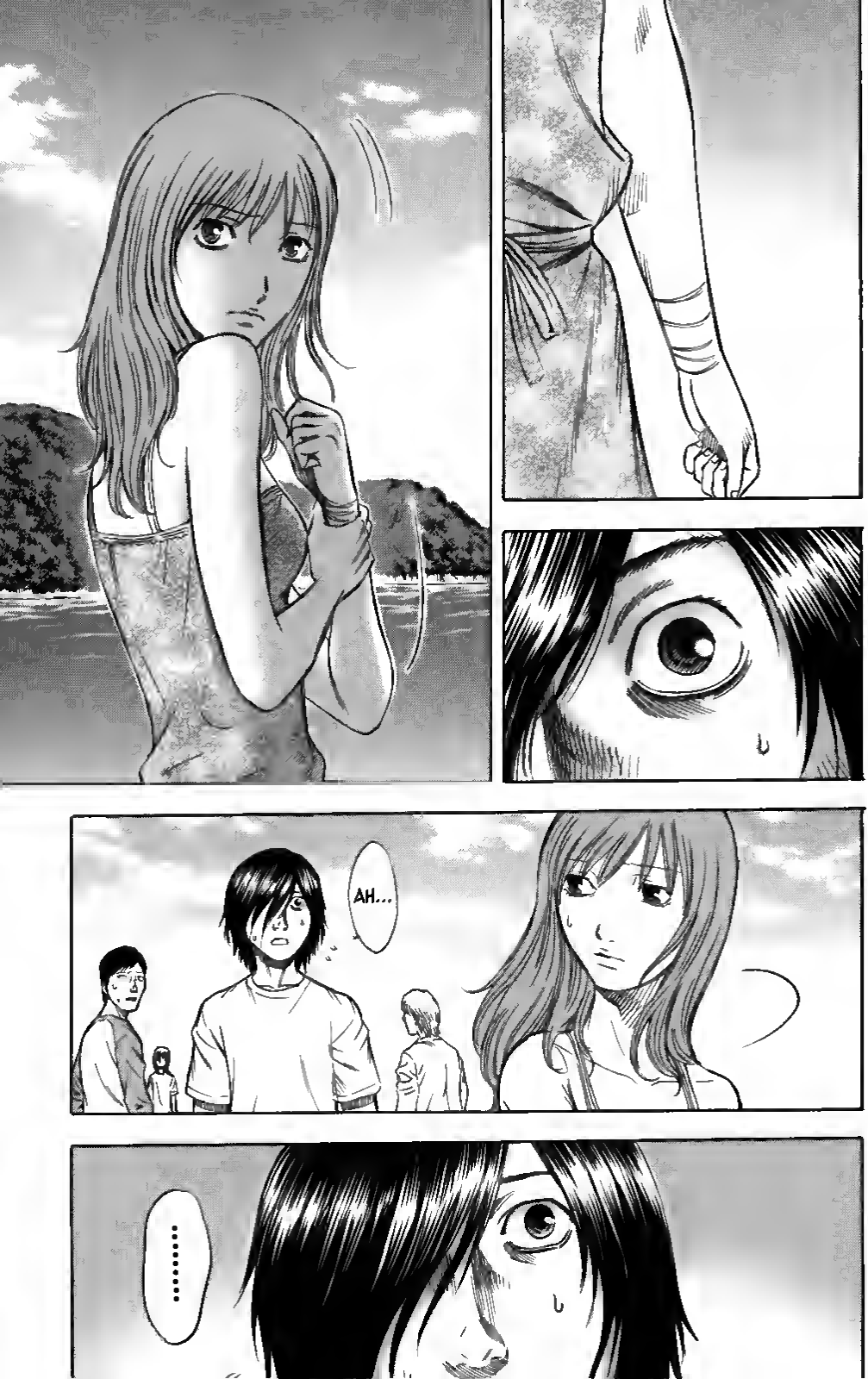
AH...
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THEY DON'T MATTER... THIS PLACE DOESN'T MATTER.
BUT...
OF COURSE.
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I NEED TO DO, RIGHT?
HOW...

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS!?

You have obandoned your responsibilities ond rights and are now on this islond. Your IDs have been marked as deceased and officially destroyed within our country, where hove now lost oll rights. You hove no reoson to ony longer adhere to our country's rights or responsibilities.

You are free to move on this island ond a radius of 1km of seo oround it. You connot enter beyond this rodius of 1km into the sea. If you do so it will be seen as a violotion of territoriol waters, in which case we connot guarantee your survivol.

The Government of Japon

IS THIS SOME KIND OF JOKE...?
RIGHTS? A VIOLATION OF TERRITORIAL...
THEY'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING, RIGHT? A PLACE LIKE THIS... NO WAY!
SO IT'S... TRUE.
IT'S REAL...

THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS ABOUT THIS PLACE ONLINE... THAT JAPAN IS NO LONGER ABLE TO SUPPORT THE COST OF RECUPERATING THE EVER-INCREASING SUICIDAL PEOPLE AND SUPPORTING THEM AS THEY RETURN TO SOCIETY...
SO THEY DECIDED TO THROW US AWAY! SAYING THAT THEY'VE DECIDED TO RESPECT THE FREE WILL OF EACH PERSON.

FREE WILL... RESPECT ...?
DON'T YOU GET IT!? IT'S JUST LIKE THEY'VE WRITTEN HERE!
SINCE THEY CANNOT ASSIST IN EITHER KILLING US OR LETTING US DIE, THEY'VE DESTROYED OUR IDS AND EXILED US TO THIS ISLAND!!
I THINK THEY CALL THIS PLACE—

SUICIDE ISLAND.

SUICIDE
ISLAND ...
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WHAT...
?
BUT THEN THAT MEANS THAT ALL THE PEOPLE HERE ARE—
HEY...

H-HEY!
WH-WHAT!!?
KYAA!

AHHH!!
AHH...
L-LOOK UP THERE!!!

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O... OVER HERE, TOO...
HEY!
Ah... ahhhh...
HIIIIE!

NO...
IT'LL BE TOO SHALLOW!
A... AT THAT HEIGHT,

AHHHH!!!

HIIEE!
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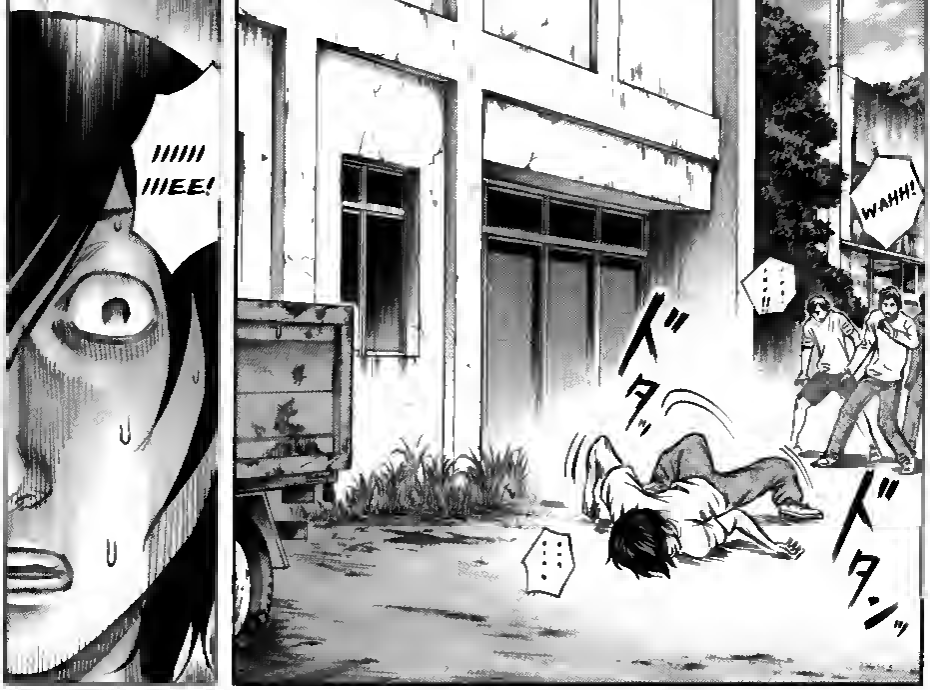
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IIIEE!
WAHH!
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ビグッ
ビグッ
ガク
ガク
ガク
K-kill...
m...ee...

KYAAH!
hah
hah
WAAAH!
NOOOOOO!!!
hah
hah
HHH

I WAS TOO NAIVE TO THINK I COULD JUST DIE WHILE SLEEPING... HOW... COULD I...
Aaah!
hah
Ah...
hah
THERE'S ONLY... ONE THING TO DO... ISN'T THERE?
hah

!!
WAIT!!!
WAIT A MOMENT!!!

CALM DOWN FOR A MINUTE!!!
CALM DOWN!! ALRIGHT!? LET'S JUST...
BUT THINK OF IT THE OTHER WAY!! OKAY!?
I KNOW! I KNOW!
H-HOW ARE WE S-SUPPOSED TO...
CALM DOWN... DIDN'T YOU SEE THAT JUST NOW!!?
WE CAN DIE ANY TIME WE WANT TO!
FREELY!!
IT'S WRITTEN HERE THAT WE'RE FREE IN THIS PLACE!!
RIGHT!?
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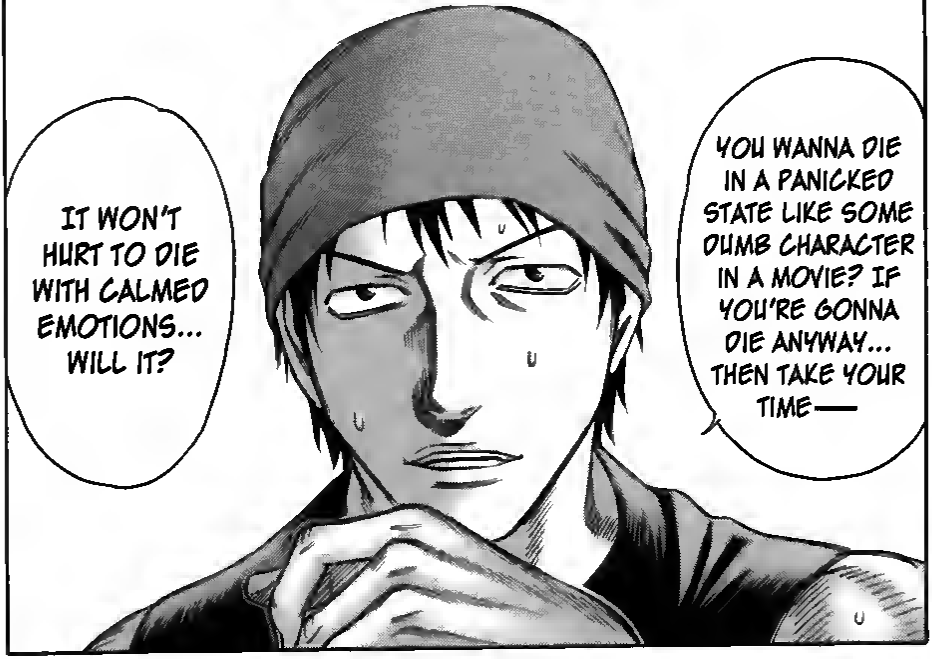

IT WON'T HURT TO DIE WITH CALMED EMOTIONS... WILL IT?
YOU WANNA DIE IN A PANICKED STATE LIKE SOME DUMB CHARACTER IN A MOVIE? IF YOU'RE GONNA DIE ANYWAY... THEN TAKE YOUR TIME——

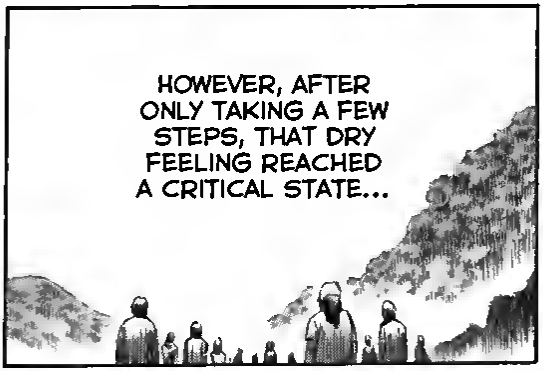
ALL THIS SHOUTING HAS MADE ME THIRSTY.
IF WE DON'T GET SOMETHING TO DRINK IN THIS HEAT...

B... BUT...
JUST WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE...!?
ANYWAY, WHAT DO YOU SAY WE GET AWAY FROM THIS SPOT?
IF WE SEE ANYONE ELSE JUMPING DOWN, IT'LL JUST SEND US INTO ANOTHER PANIC... AND——

DON'T LOOK. THEY'RE BEYOND HELP NOW.
!
HEY! LET'S GO.
I CAN'T... BREATHE!
YOU ALRIGHT?
DID HE REALLY TRY TO COMMIT SUICIDE...? DOESN'T LOOK THAT WAY.
HM?
NO PROB.
TH... THANKS.

JUST WHAT... IS OUR PURPOSE?
OUR PURPOSE...
FOR THE TIME BEING, WE ALL ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE THAT STORM OF PANIC AND LEFT THE PORT.

OF COURSE...
NO USE... IT'S STOPPED.


HOWEVER, AFTER ONLY TAKING A FEW STEPS, THAT DRY FEELING REACHED A CRITICAL STATE...

HOW ARE THINGS IN THERE?
ガラッ

YEAH!!
YOU BROUGHT US ALL HERE LIKE YOU KNEW WHAT WAS GOING ON, DIDN'T YOU? HOW ABOUT DOING SOMETHING NOW!!
H... HEY!!
THIS IS A PROB-LEM...
They thought of every thing...

EVERYONE'S AGITATED.
WAIT ...
I JUST...!
HEY!
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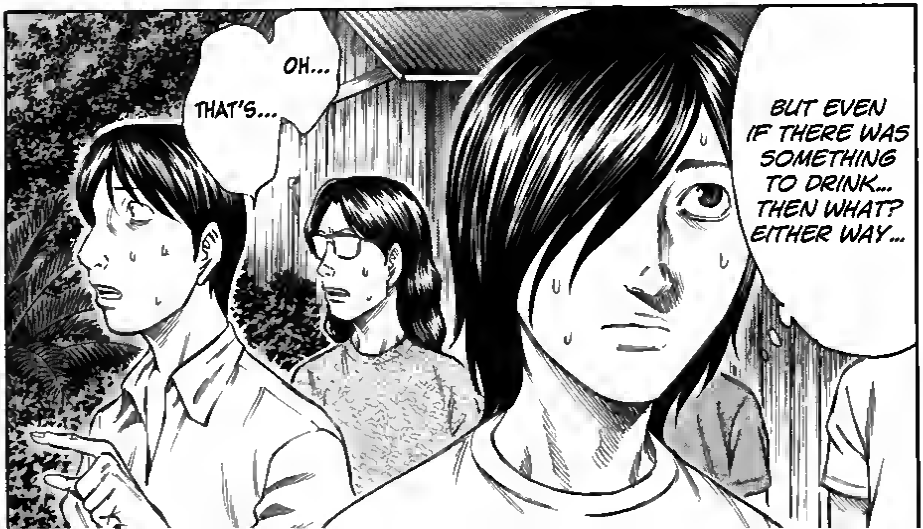
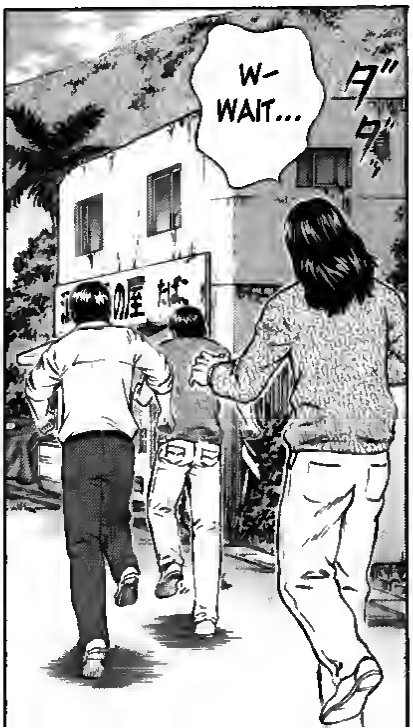
THERE'S NO POINT IN GIVING UP ON DYING HERE!
WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO!?


OH...
THAT'S...
BUT EVEN IF THERE WAS SOMETHING TO DRINK... THEN WHAT? EITHER WAY...

T-THAT'S IT!!
A CONVENIE... NO, SOME KIND OF STORE.

AHH...
THERE'S GOT TO BE... SOME-THING——

WE CAN GET INSIDE!!
HURRY!!
DAMN IT!

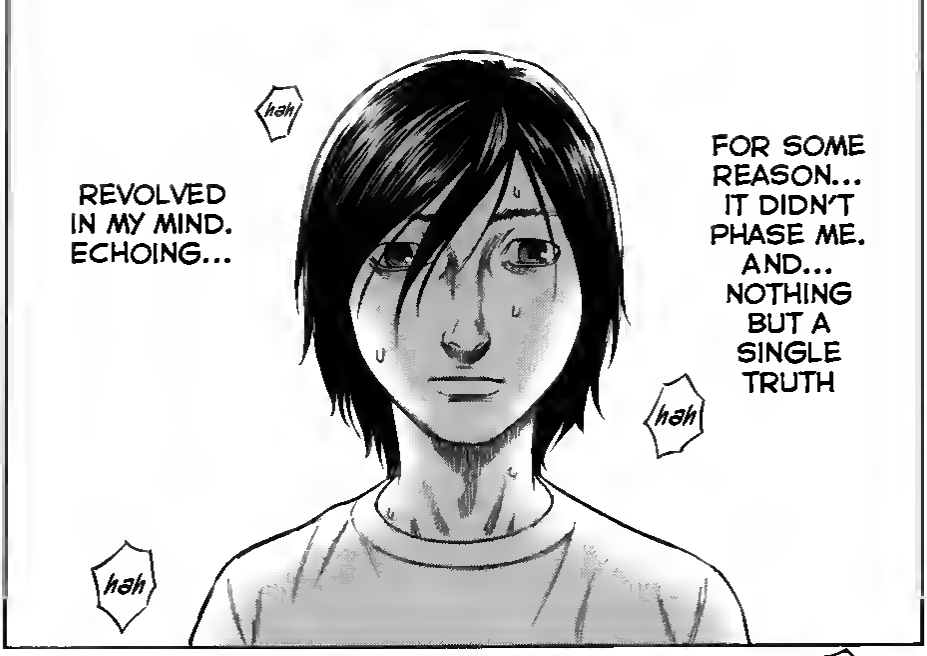

W-WAIT...

HIIE!
AHHH!?

WAAAH!
WHAT'S WRONG!?
HHHH
HIIIEE!
WAAAAHH!!

A...
A CORPSE ...!!
WHAT IS...
!!!

EVEN SEEING THAT, FOR SOME REASON—
S... SO WE WEREN'T THE FIRST ONES HERE ...!?
WHAT'S GOING ON...


hah
REVOLVED IN MY MIND. ECHOING...
FOR SOME REASON... IT DIDN'T PHASE ME. AND... NOTHING BUT A SINGLE TRUTH
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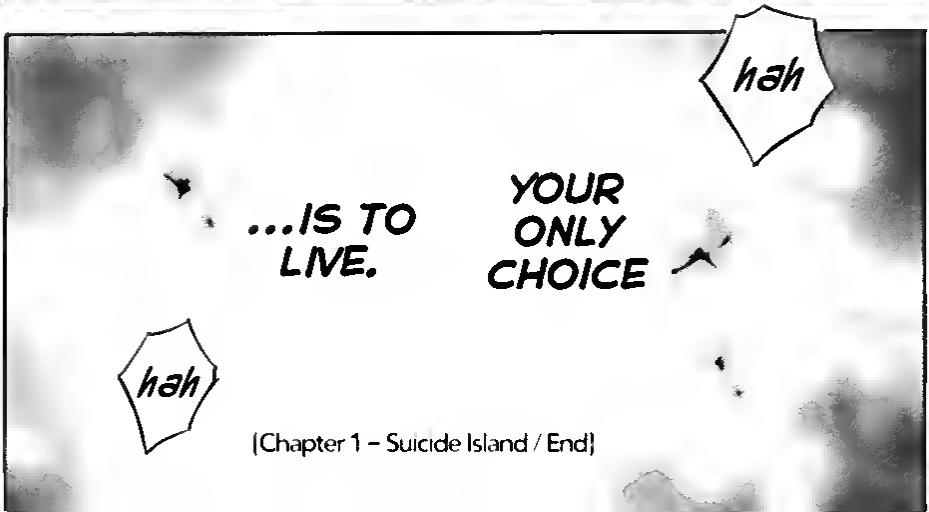
THEN—
IF YOU CAN'T DIE...
hah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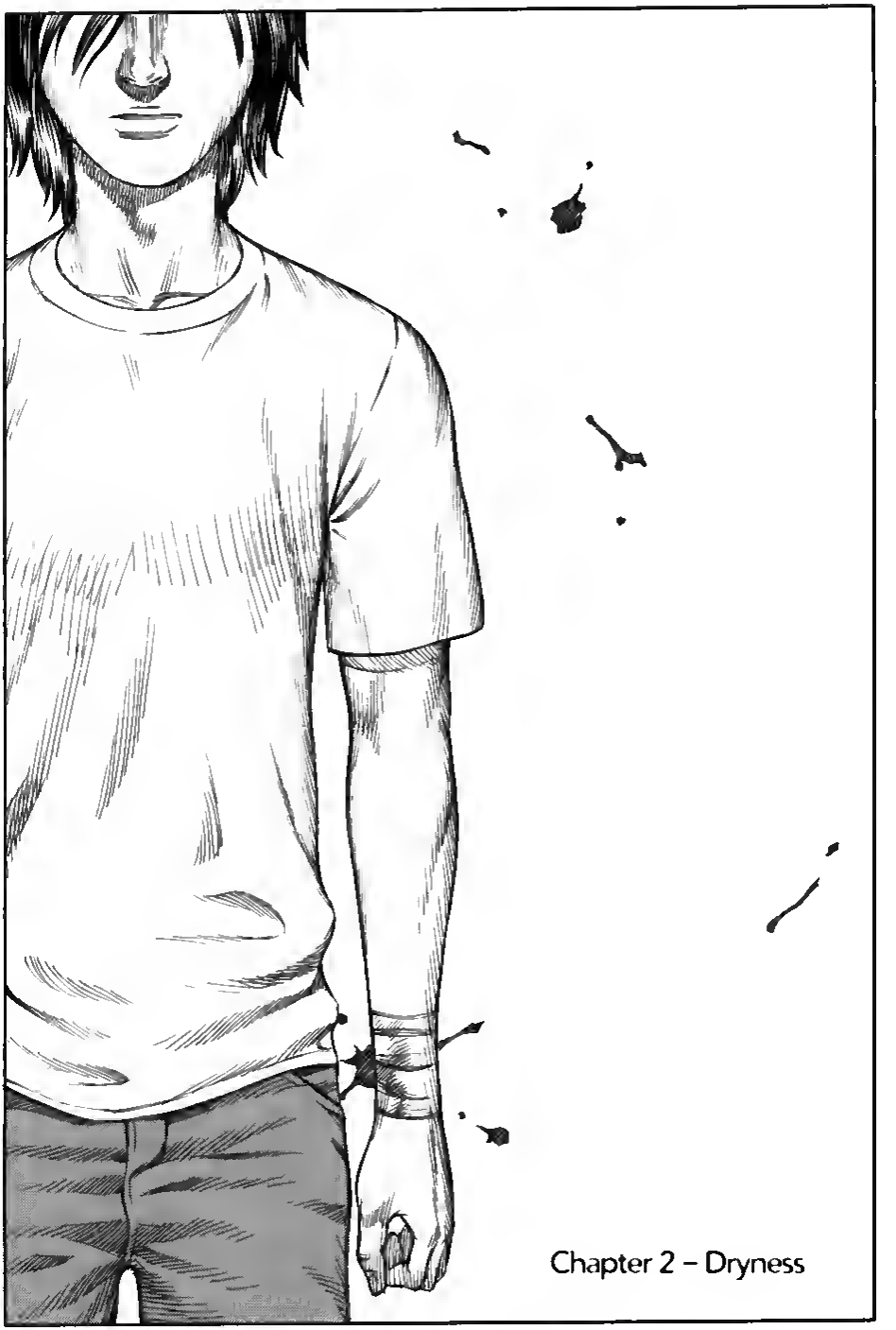
...IS TO LIVE.
YOUR ONLY CHOICE
hah
(Chapter 1 – Suicide Island / End)


Chapter 2 – Dryness

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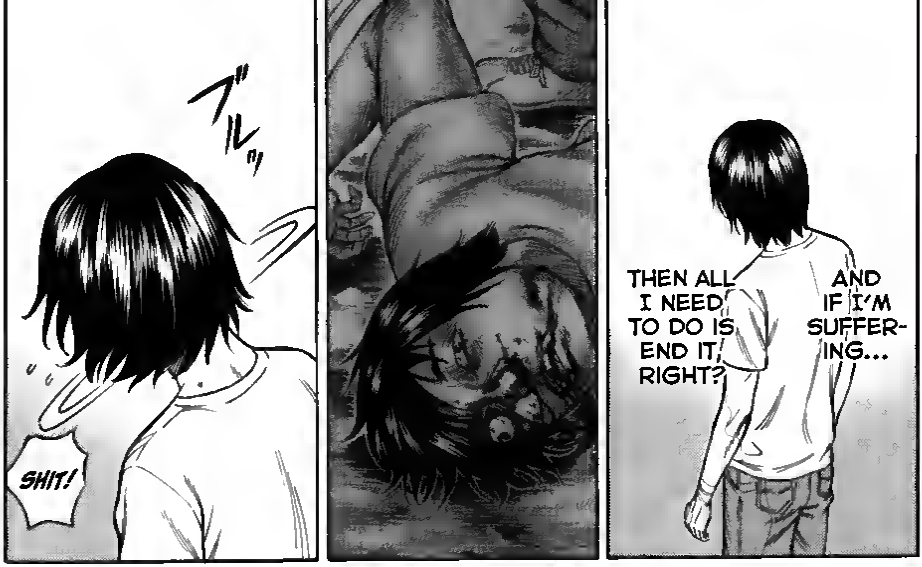
WATER ISN'T SOMETHING THAT CAN BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED?
WATER... WATER...?

I'M SUFFERING.
I WAS ABLE TO PICK AND CHOOSE WHAT I LIKED.
I'VE NEVER HAD NOTHING TO DRINK BEFORE.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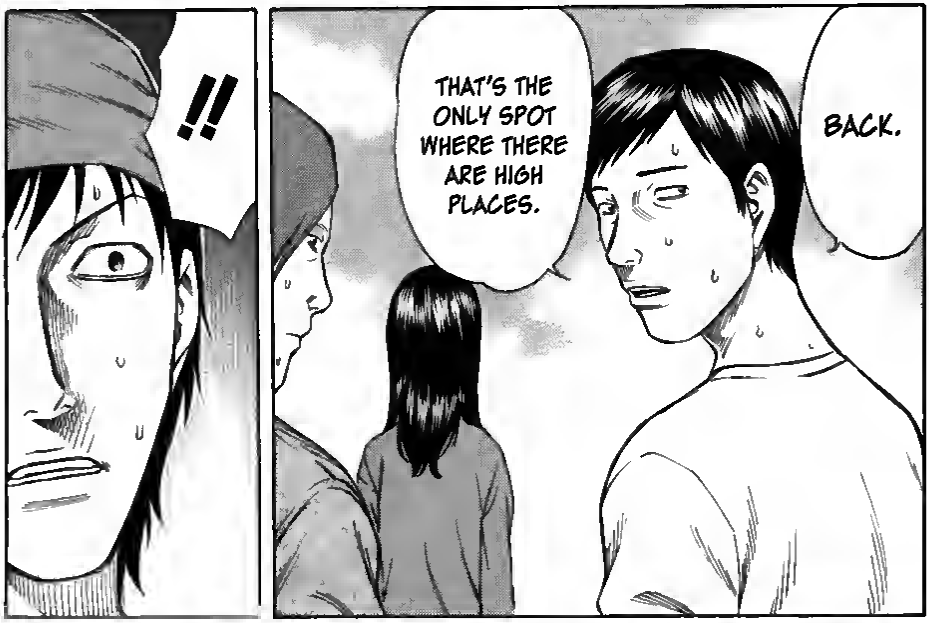
SHIT!
THEN ALL I NEED TO DO IS END IT, RIGHT?
AND IF I'M SUFFERING...

CAN I REALLY DO THAT?
IT'S THE FIRST TIME... I'VE SEEN SOMEONE DIE... AND SEEN A CORPSE!

WAIT A MINUTE!
!

WHERE ARE WE GOING...?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING? THAT WAY IS—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THAT'S THE ONLY SPOT WHERE THERE ARE HIGH PLACES.
BACK.

WHAT!? DO WE NEED YOUR PERMIS-SION!?
W-WOAH!? H-HOLD ON A MINUTE...
WE'RE FREE, RIGHT!?

WE'RE GOING INTO THE MOUN-TAINS.
THIS PLACE IS HOT, AND THERE MIGHT BE A STREAM WITHIN...
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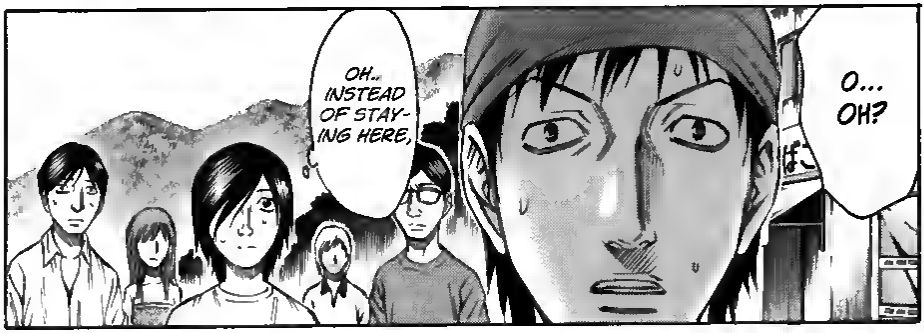
! HEY!? YOU GUYS...


OH.. INSTEAD OF STAY-ING HERE,
O... OH?

THAT ISN'T A GOOD IDEA.
M-ME TOO...
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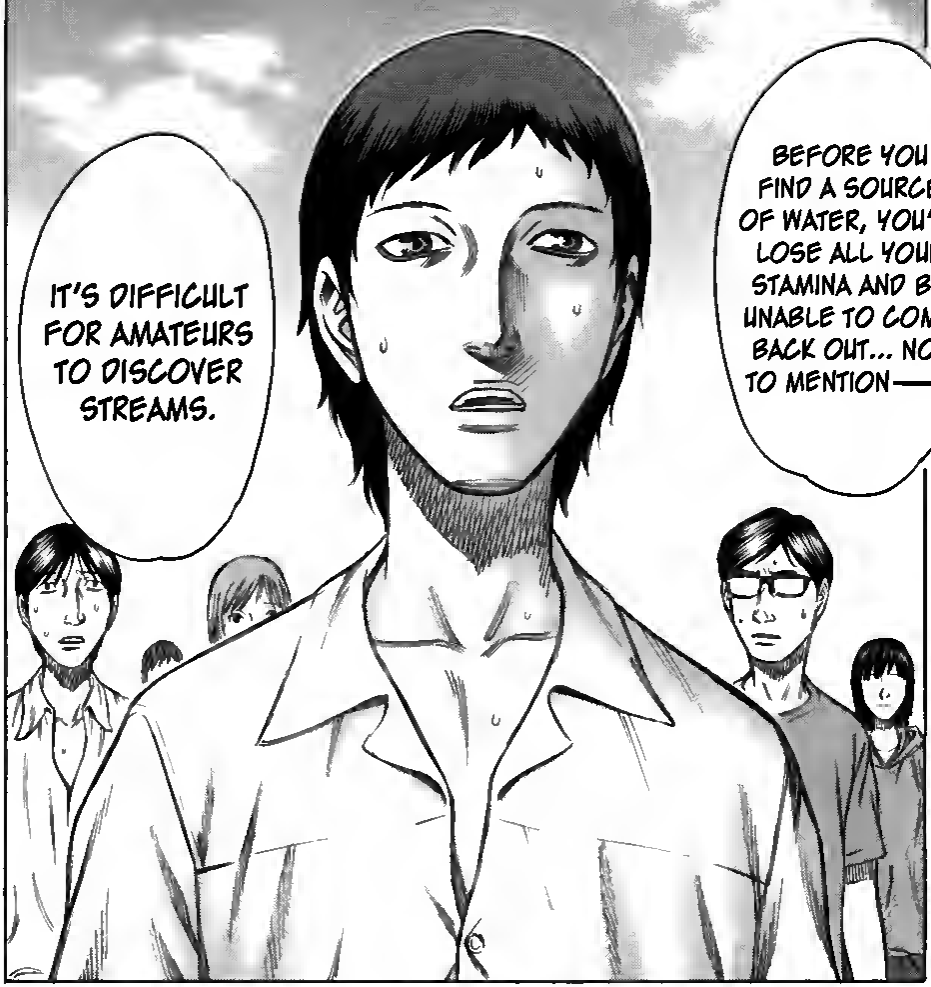
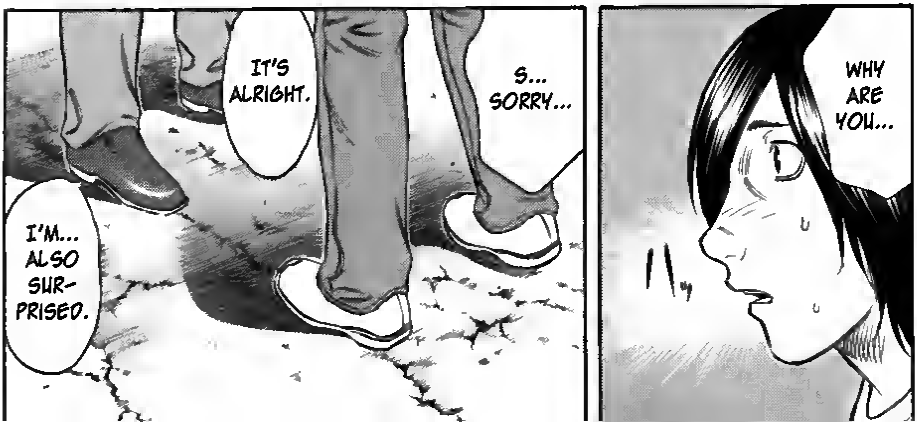

IT'S DIFFICULT FOR AMATEURS TO DISCOVER STREAMS.
BEFORE YOU FIND A SOURCE OF WATER, YOU'LL LOSE ALL YOUR STAMINA AND BE UNABLE TO COME BACK OUT... NOT TO MENTION——

WELL... ACTUALLY, I AM.
ARE YOU SAYING YOU *AREN'T* AN AMATEUR?

AH!
AH...

SE...I?
!
KA...I... KAI... KUN?
YOU'RE KAI-KUN, AREN'T YOU?

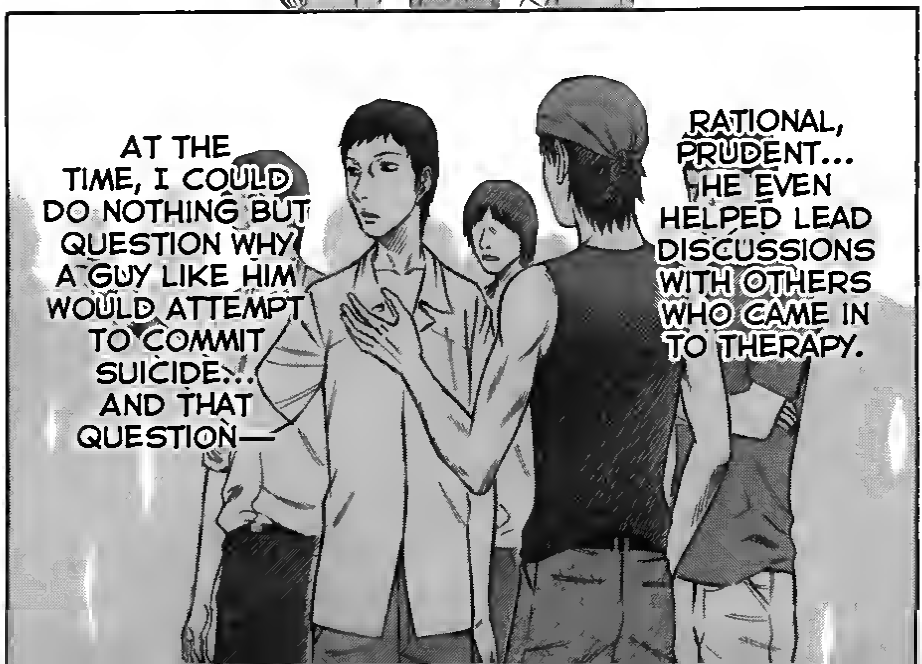
SEI... SO YOU, TOO—
WH- WHAT...
SO IT IS YOU, KAI-KUN...!


I'M... ALSO SUR- PRISED.
IT'S ALRIGHT.
S... SORRY...
WHY ARE YOU...

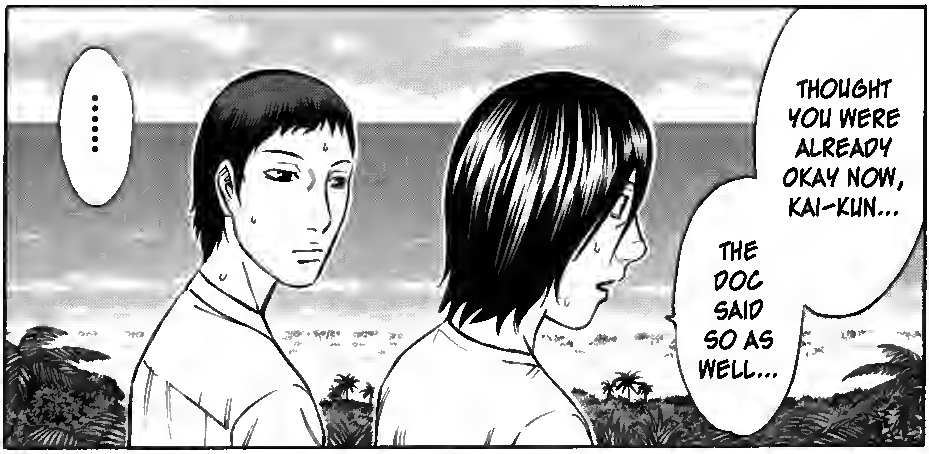
SORRY TO RUIN YOUR REUNION, BUT...
DO YOU MIND?
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GO INTO THE MOUNTAINS, THEN DO YOU HAVE A BETTER IDEA?
I KNOW IT'S A GAMBLE, BUT IT'S BETTER THAN SITTING OUT TO DRY HERE...
YEAH, I DO... IT ISN'T THAT GREAT AN IDEA, BUT...
FOR AN ISLAND OF THIS SIZE, THERE'S GOT TO BE A RIVER OR TWO, SO WE SHOULD LOCATE A GOOD SPOT ON THE COASTLINE TO TAKE A LOOK——
THEN, IF WE CLIMB TO A PLACE THAT'S ACCUMULATED WATER——
AND THEN FIND AN INLET AND WALK TO IT.

DESPITE BEING THE SAME AGE, HE WAS FAR MORE OF AN ADULT THAN MYSELF.

I MET HIM IN THERAPY AFTER MY FIRST ATTEMPT.


AT THE TIME, I COULD DO NOTHING BUT QUESTION WHY A GUY LIKE HIM WOULD ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUICIDE... AND THAT QUESTION—
RATIONAL, PRUDENT... HE EVEN HELPED LEAD DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHERS WHO CAME IN TO THERAPY.

I...
HMM?
STILL HASN'T BEEN ANSWERED...


THOUGHT YOU WERE ALREADY OKAY NOW, KAI-KUN...
THE DOC SAID SO AS WELL...
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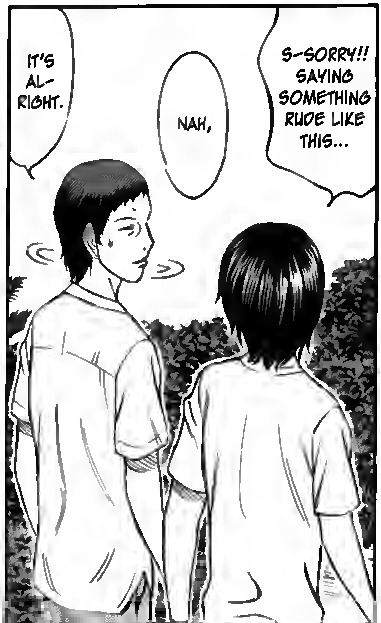
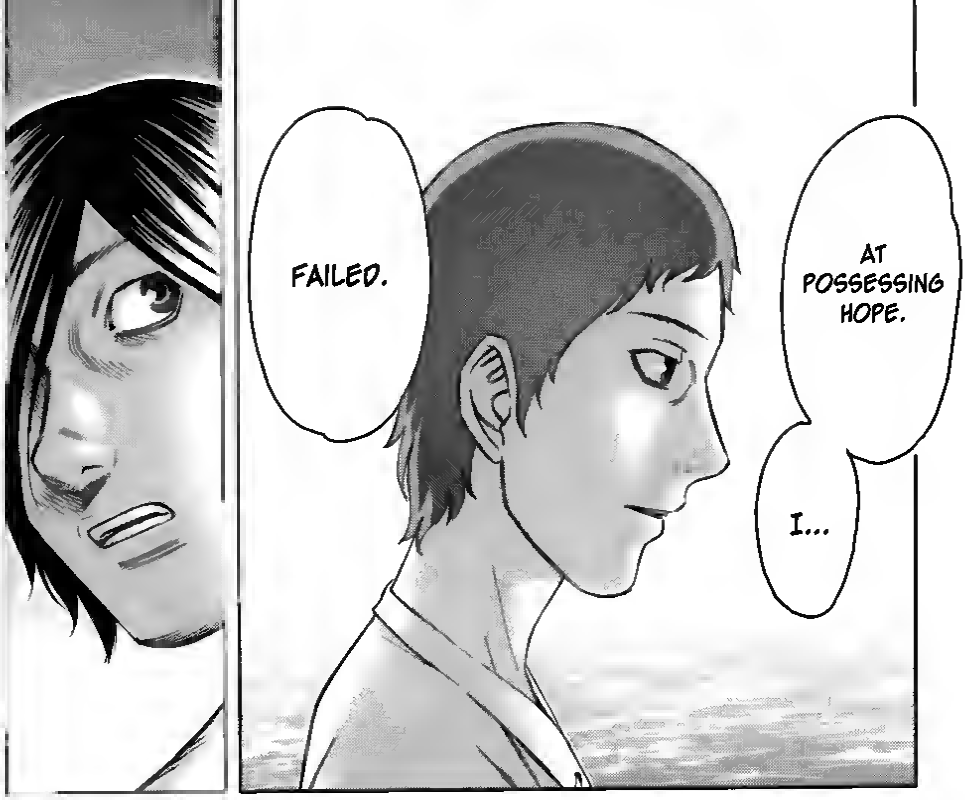
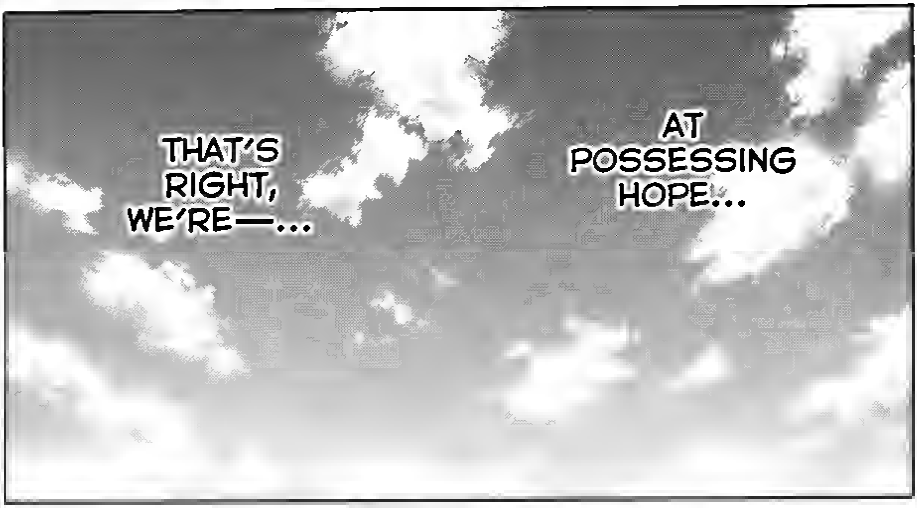
I SCREWED UP.


S-SORRY!! SAYING SOMETHING RUDE LIKE THIS...
NAH,
IT'S AL-RIGHT.

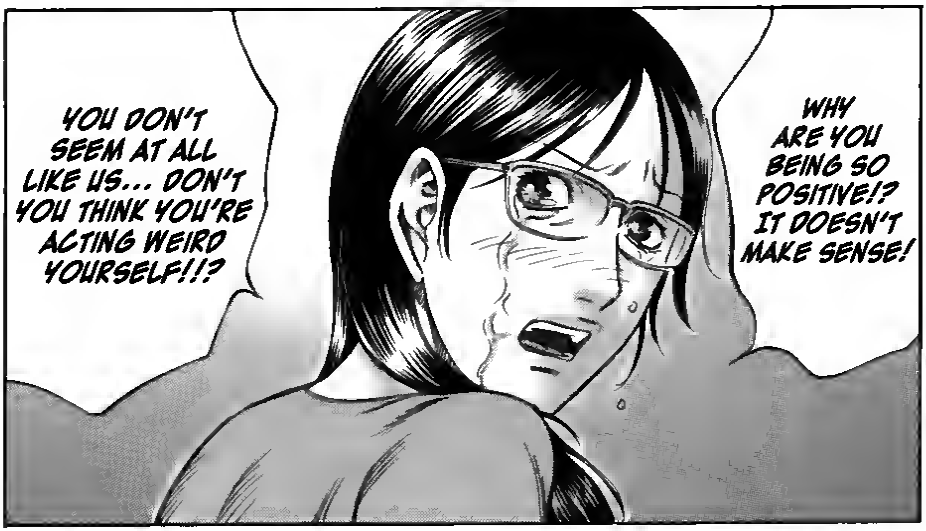

FAILED.
AT POSSESSING HOPE.
I...


THAT'S RIGHT, WE'RE—...
AT POSSESSING HOPE...

!
LEAVE ME ALONE!!

HUH?
YOU'RE ACTING UNNATURAL!

WHO CARES!? I... DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS ANYMORE!!
AND BESIDES ...
YOU HAVE TO STAND AND WALK... DON'T MAKE US LEAVE YOU ALONE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!

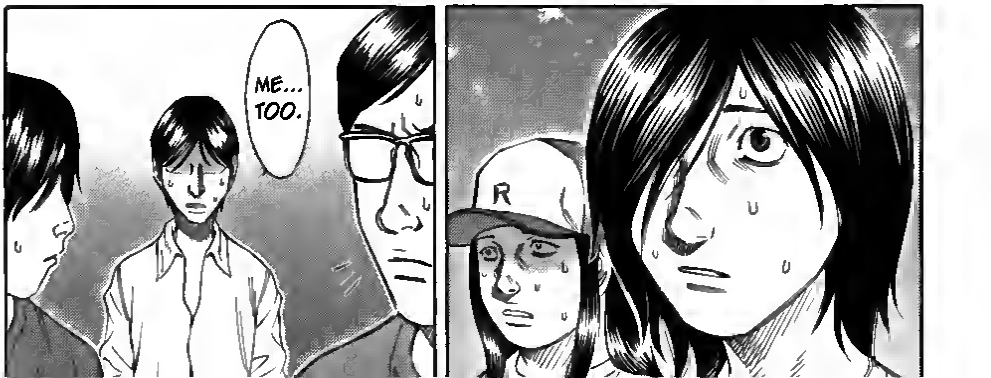

YOU DON'T SEEM AT ALL LIKE US... DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE ACTING WEIRD YOURSELF!!?
WHY ARE YOU BEING SO POSITIVE!? IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE!

WHAT DO YOU...
WEIRD...? WHA...

KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THIS, DON'T YOU!? THIS ISLAND—
IT'S TRUE... YOU ARE ACTING UNNATURAL.
YOU'RE SUICIDAL JUST LIKE US, AND YET YOU TRY TO STOP PEOPLE FROM DYING... AND ATTEMPT TO LEAD EVERYONE... Y-YOU
!!
I WAS MARKED DOWN AS A HABITUAL... I FAILED AT COMMITTING SUICIDE...
...YOU'RE WRONG... I...

BUT I CAN'T DIE HERE!
IT WOULDN'T BE RIGHT!!!
DON'T YOU AGREE!?

THIS ISN'T FUNNY...! YOUR OWN PLACE OF DEATH... THE PLACE YOUR LIFE ENDS...
HOW CAN YOU BEAR TO HAVE IT DECIDED BY SOMEONE ELSE!!?


ME... TOO.
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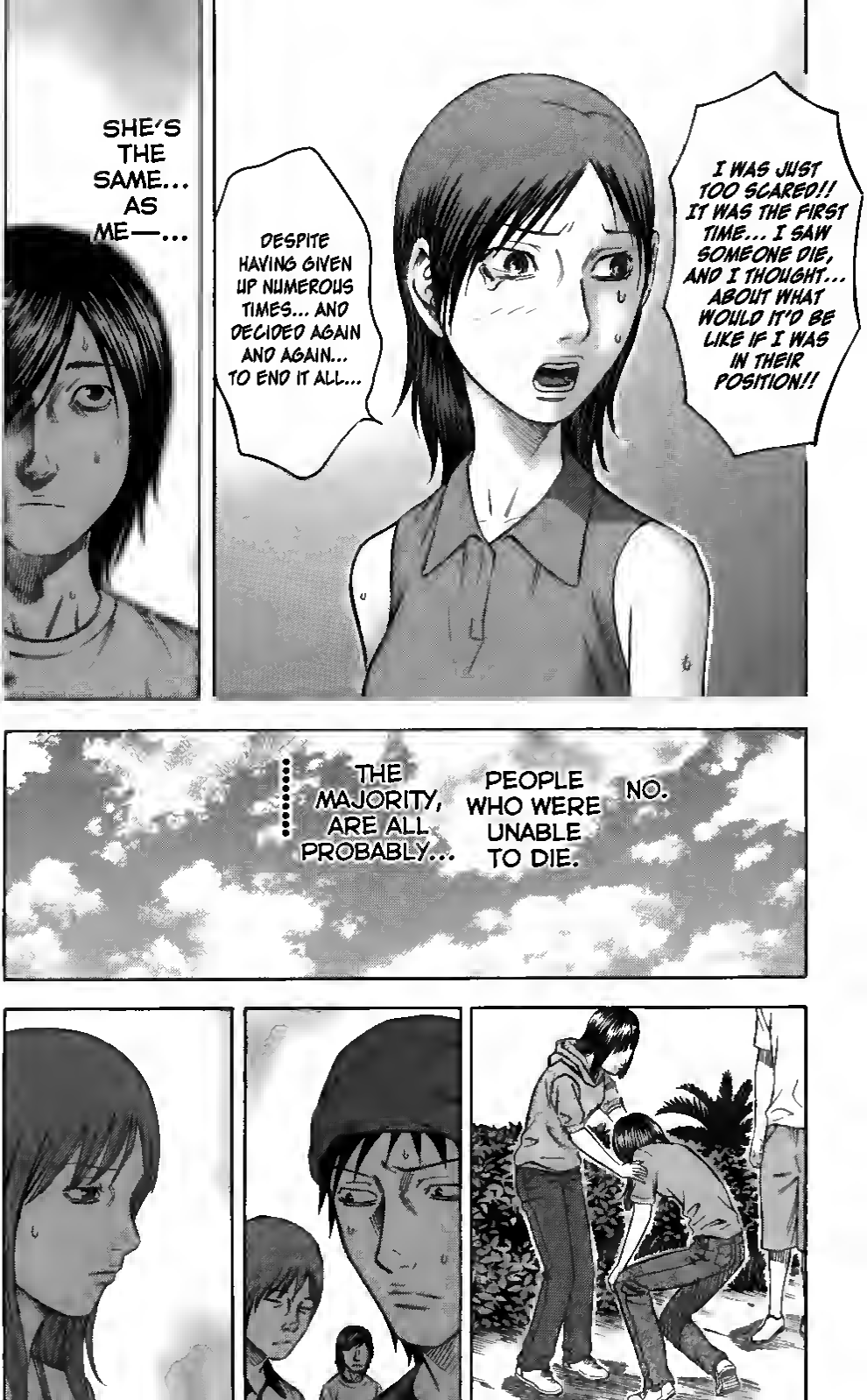
I DON'T... WANT TO DIE HERE... NO.
I CAN'T!
I HAVE TO PRESENT MY CORPSE AND LAST TESTAMENT...
AND MAKE ALL THOSE WHO PUSHED ME INTO THIS CORNER FEEL REGRET AND FEAR!
MY DEATH... WON'T MEAN ANYTHING EITHER,
IN A... IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...
M... ME TOO.
ME TOO...!
Y... YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
EVERYONE HERE... HAS THEIR OWN PERSONAL CIRCUM-STANCES...
EVEN I HAVE MY OWN REASON AS TO WHY I COULDN'T DIE BACK THERE...!


SHE'S THE SAME... AS ME—...
DESPITE HAVING GIVEN UP NUMEROUS TIMES... AND DECIDED AGAIN AND AGAIN... TO END IT ALL...
I WAS JUST TOO SCARED!! IT WAS THE FIRST TIME... I SAW SOMEONE DIE, AND I THOUGHT... ABOUT WHAT WOULD IT'D BE LIKE IF I WAS IN THEIR POSITION!!
NO.
PEOPLE WHO WERE UNABLE TO DIE.
THE MAJORITY, ARE ALL PROBABLY...

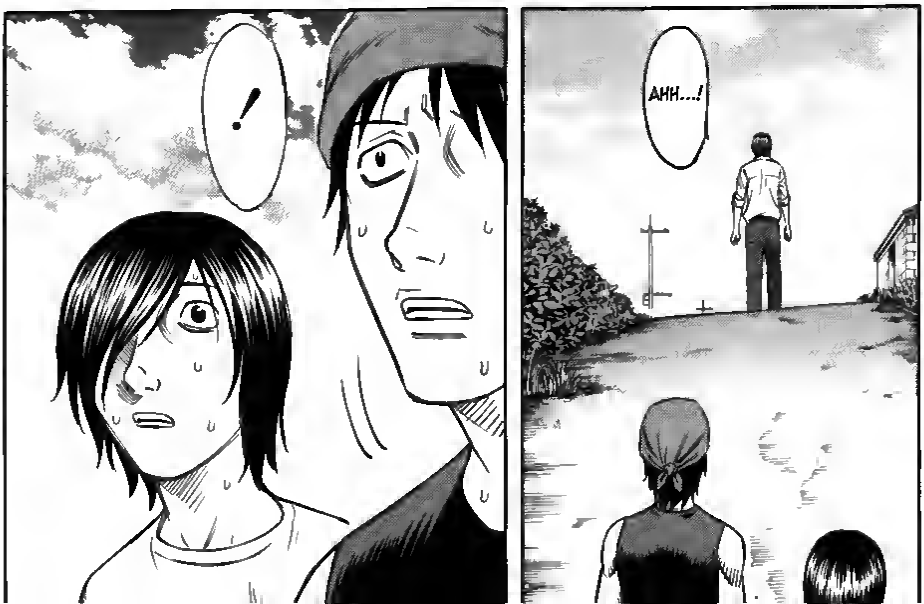
BEARING THE DRYNESS.
WE JUST WALKED.
EVERYONE WAS SILENCED.
AFTER THAT,

EVERYONE WALKED.
EMBRAC-ING THE HYPOCRISY WE NOW UNDER-STOOD,

WE'RE TRYING TO LIVE.
WE ARE CLEARLY TRYING TO LIVE—...

THIS IS BAD...
hah
hah
hah
hah
hah
hah

AT THIS RATE, DEHYDRATION WILL EVENTUALLY IMMOBILIZE US...
INCLUDING MYSELF, EVERYONE'S CLOSE TO REACHING THEIR LIMITS... WE HAVEN'T DRANK ANYTHING SINCE WE WERE PUT TO SLEEP.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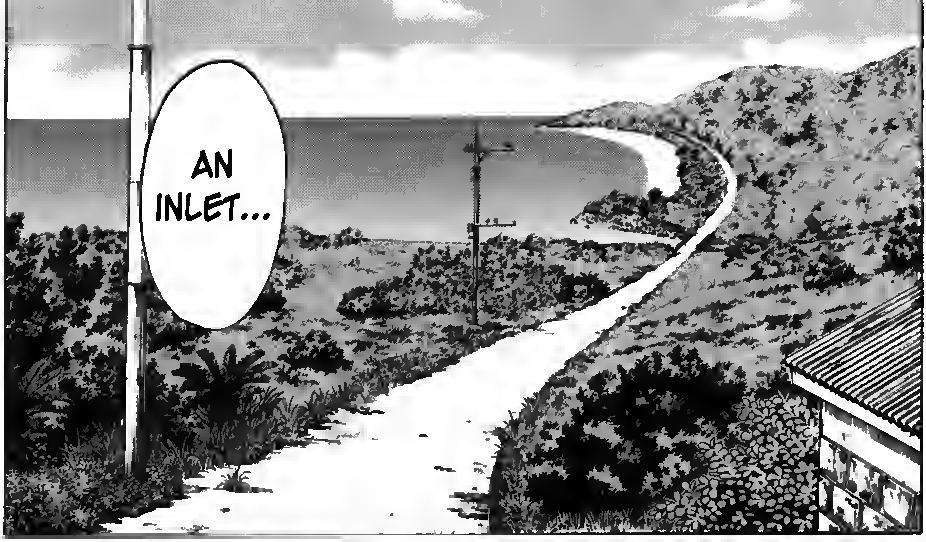
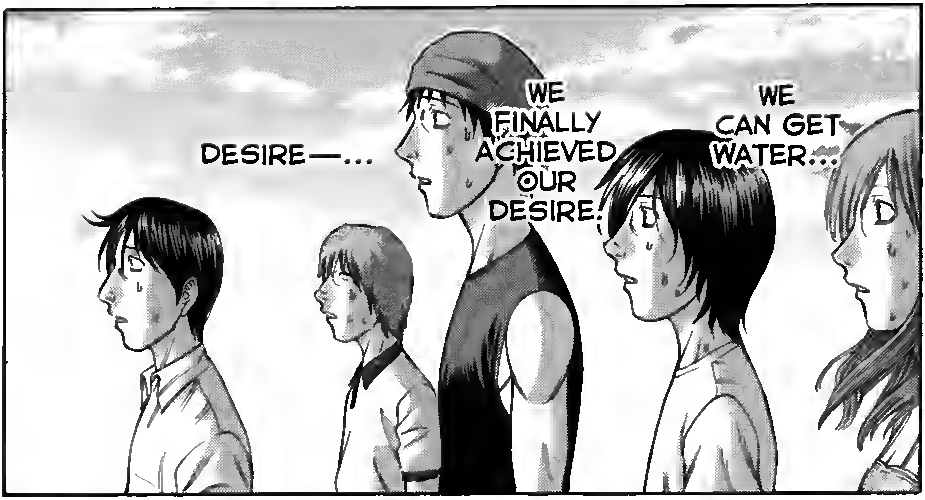
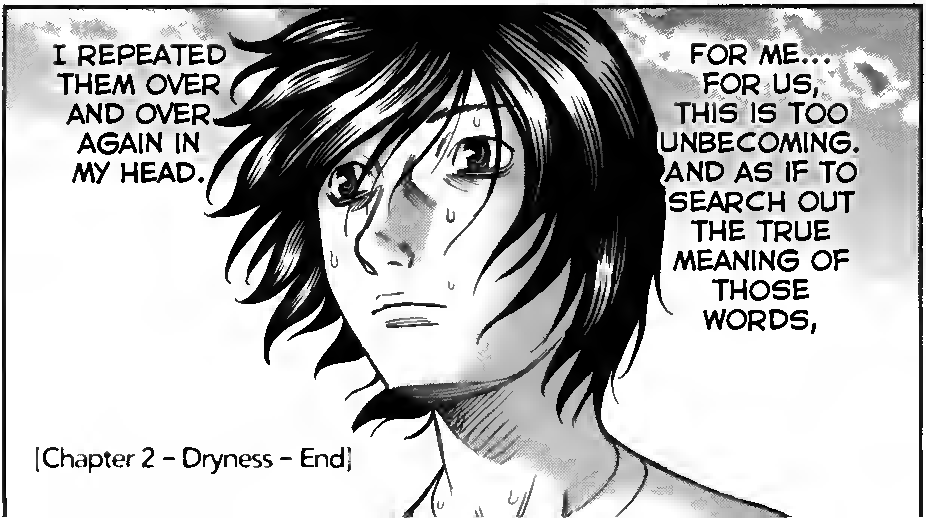
AHH...!

AH...

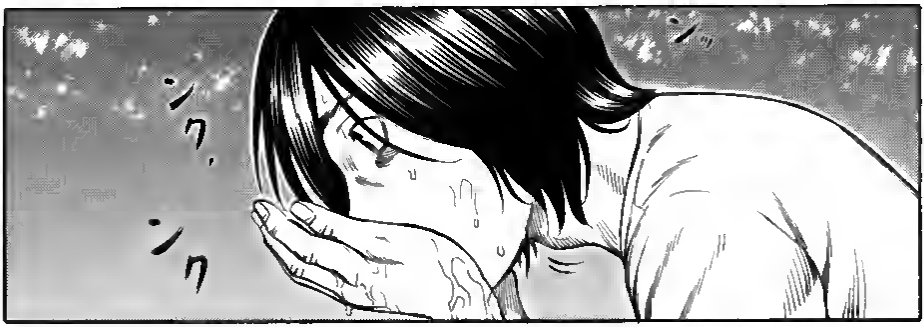





I REPEATED THEM OVER AND OVER AGAIN IN MY HEAD.
FOR ME... FOR US, THIS IS TOO UNBECOMING. AND AS IF TO SEARCH OUT THE TRUE MEANING OF THOSE WORDS,

[Chapter 2 – Dryness – End]

Chapter 3 – A Lawless Night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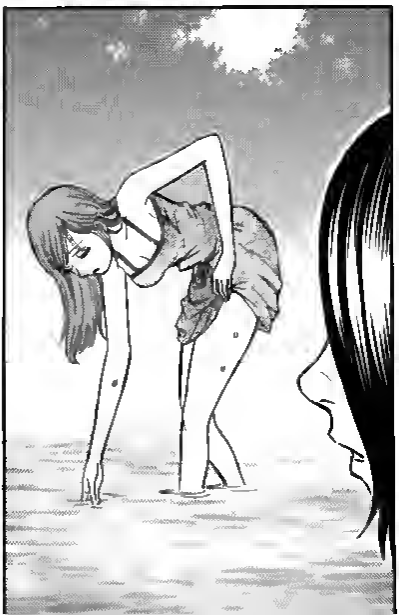

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YOU SHOULDN'T DRINK ANYMORE. IF YOU WANT A FULL STOMACH'S WORTH, WE SHOULD GO FARTHER UPSTREAM...
IF YOU GET A STOMACHACHE, YOU WON'T HAVE ANY ENERGY TO MOVE WITH TOMORROW.
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ギクッ
TOMOR-ROW...?
YEAH.
TOMOR-ROW.
THAT'S RIGHT. IF I'M ALIVE, THEN TOMORROW WILL COME.
WE MUST LIVE ON TO TOMORROW...

WELL OF COURSE? YOU'RE THE ONE WHO BROUGHT EVERYONE HERE.
HUH!? YOU'RE ASKING ME!?
NOW WHAT DO WE DO?
...SO.
CAN'T YOU DECIDE ANYTHING FOR YOURSELF... JUST HOW OLD ARE YOU!?
THAT LINE AGAIN!? ENOUGH ALREADY!!
HEY, STOP IT!!
HEY!
BRING IT ON! I'M PISSED OFF TOO!
WHAT'S THAT, YOU LITTLE BRAT!?

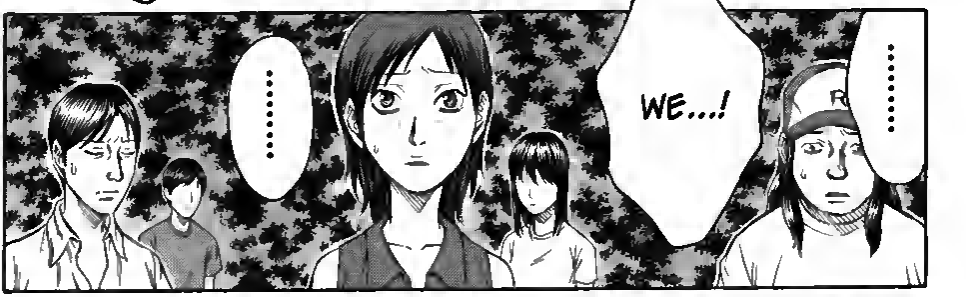
!
HUNTING AND GATHERING...
A LIFESTYLE OF HUNTING AND GATHERING. THAT'S THE ONLY HOPE WE HAVE OF SURVIVING DAY TO DAY—
IN FACT, THAT'LL PROBABLY TAKE UP EACH AND EVERY DAY.
WATER WON'T EVEN KEEP US ALIVE FOR A WHOLE MONTH.
AFTER TEN DAYS, EVERYONE WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO MOVE.
IN ORDER TO KEEP ACTIVE, WE NEED TO GET FOOD. AND IN ORDER TO GET FOOD, WE NEED TO BE ACTIVE.

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO—
I CAN'T DO IT! NO WAY... UUUU... UUU...
I DON'T EVEN HAVE A CHANGE OF CLOTHES! YOU EXPECT ME TO LIVE LIKE SOME DIRTY CAVEMAN IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!!?
N... NO! I CAN'T LIVE SUCH A PRIMITIVE LIFE LIKE THAT!!

H-HEY!
DON'T SAY IT LIKE THAT...
I'M SICK OF THIS!!
THOSE WHO DON'T WANT TO OR CAN'T KEEP ON LIVING CAN JUST STEP OFF...
YOU'RE FREE!
THEN STEP OFF.

SICK OF HAVING ALL THE RESPONSIBILITY GET PUSHED ONTO ME!!!
HOW CAN I BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OTHERS' LIVES!? WH... WHEN I CAN'T...

WHEN I COULDN'T EVEN DO ANYTHING WITH MY OWN...
I...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WE...!
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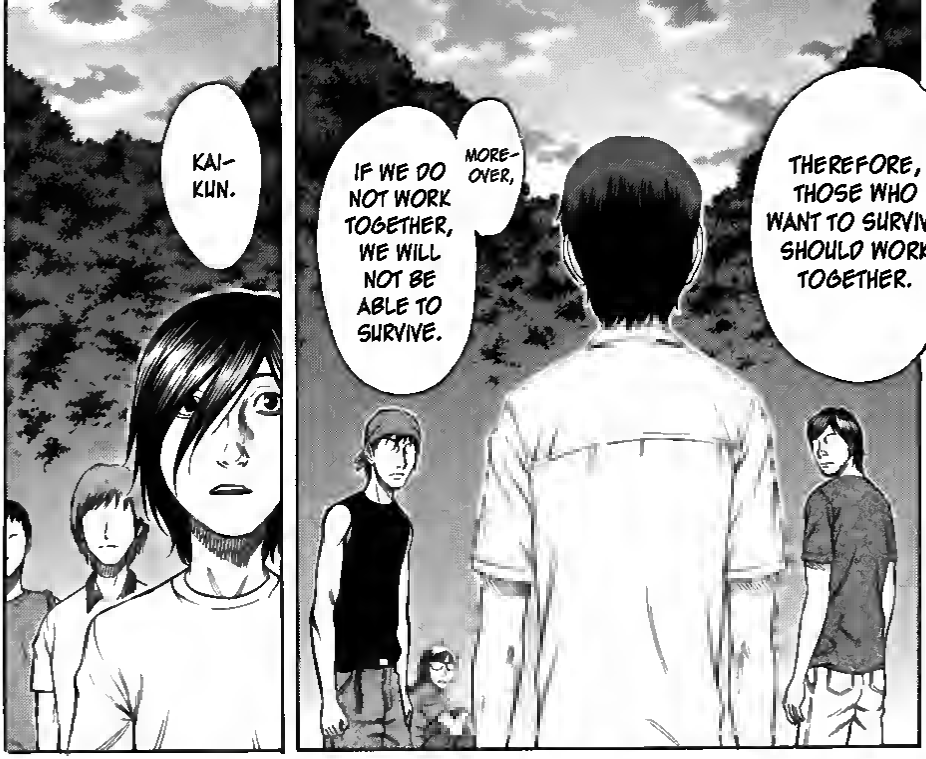
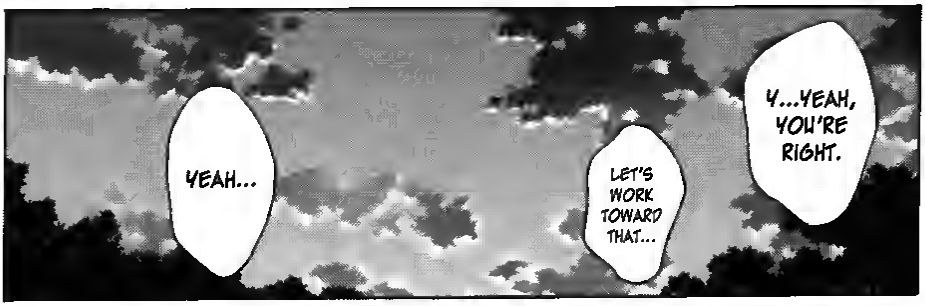
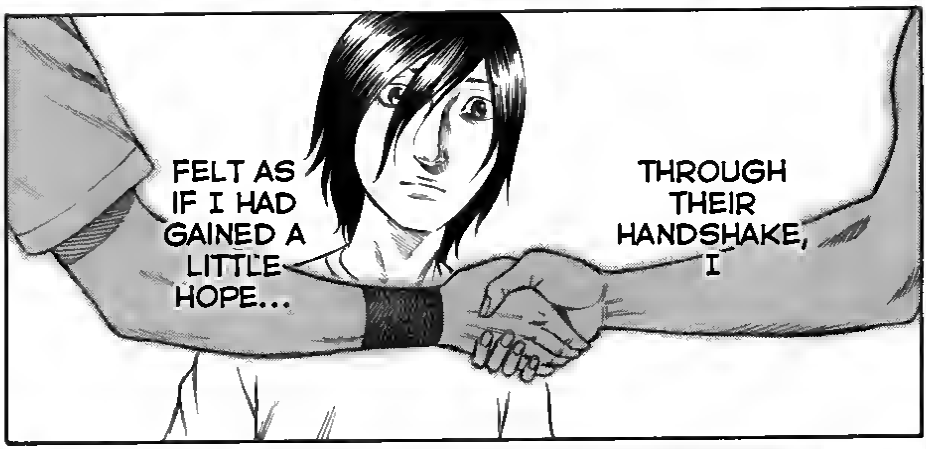
HE'S RIGHT...
STEPPING OFF, AND LIVING.
WE'RE ALL PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR OWN ACTIONS... AND FREE TO DO THEM.

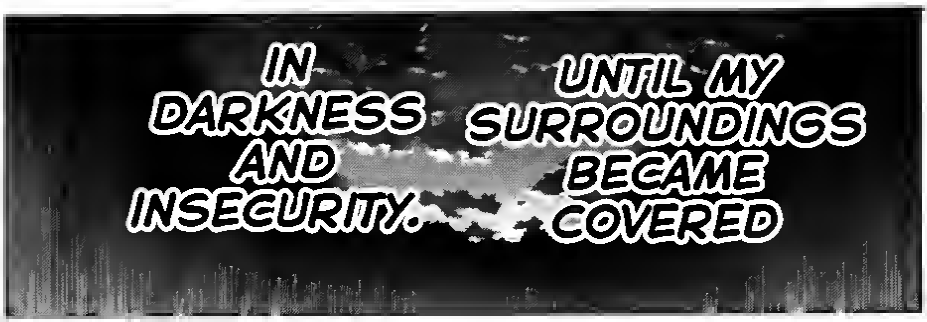

KAI-KUN.
IF WE DO NOT WORK TOGETHER, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SURVIVE.
MORE-OVER,
THEREFORE, THOSE WHO WANT TO SURVIVE SHOULD WORK TOGETHER.

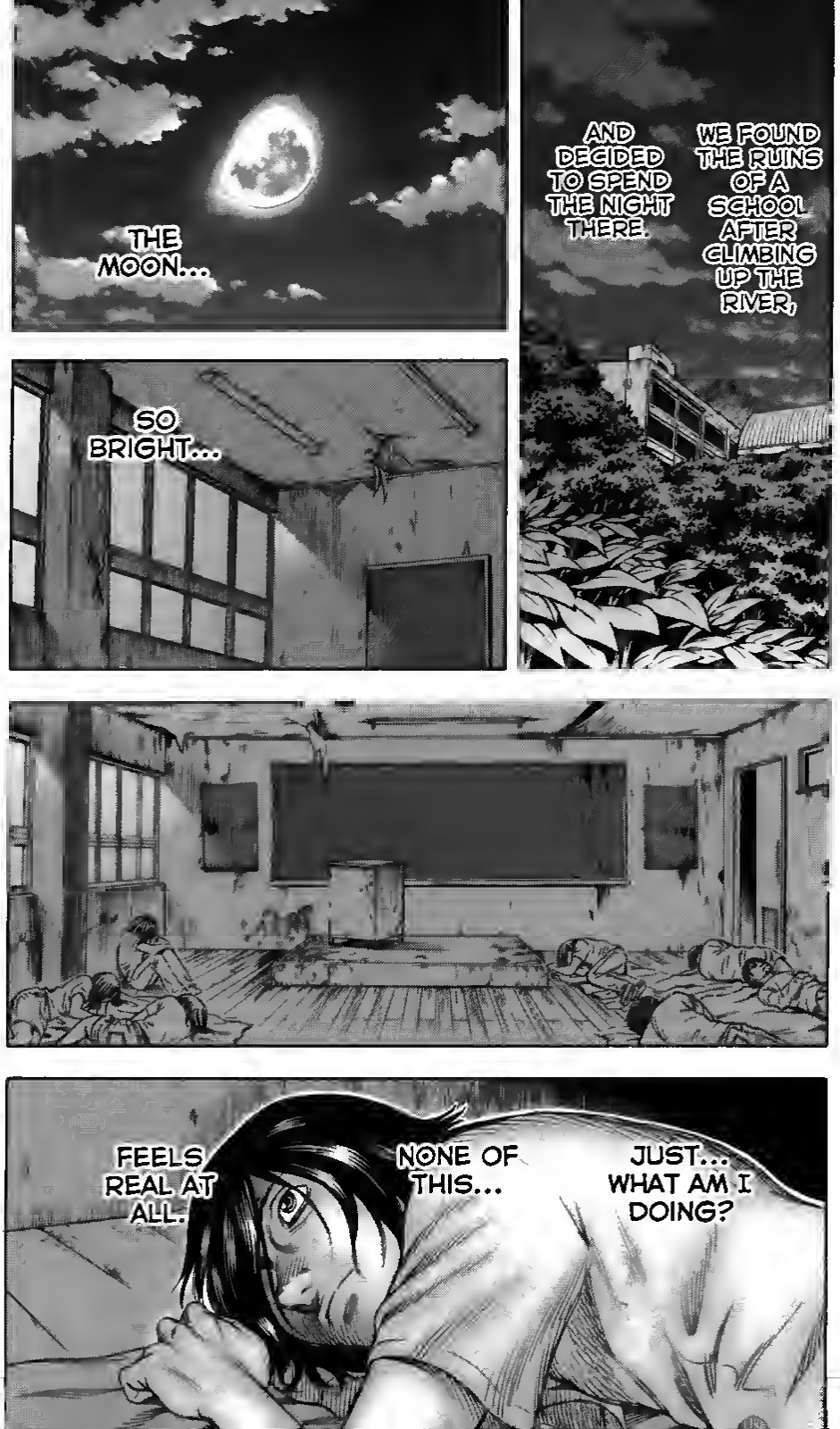

YEAH...
LET'S WORK TOWARD THAT...
U...YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.

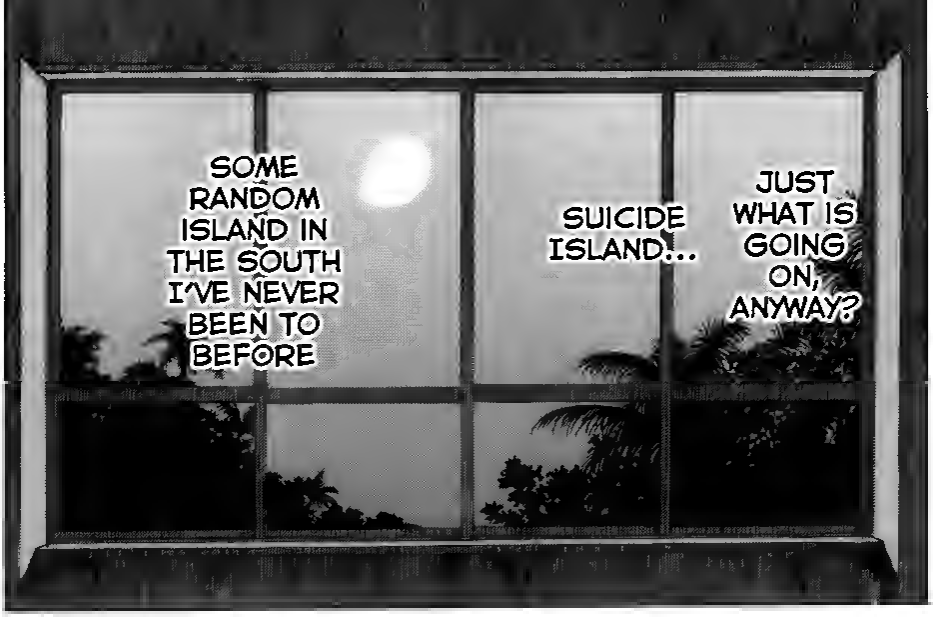
THEY SAID YOUR NAME WAS KAI, RIGHT??
I THINK—
YOU'LL BE A GREAT HELP.
YOU'RE SO CALM AND COL-LECTED...
I DUNNO.

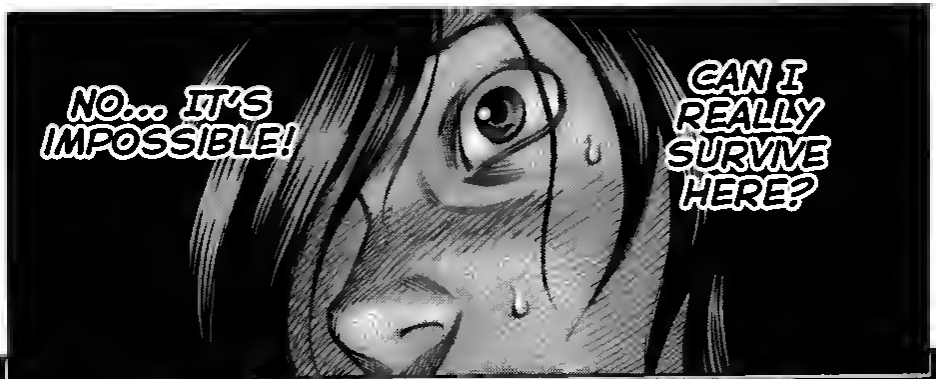
I'M RYOU!
LET'S WORK HARD TOGETHER.
YES, LET'S.


THROUGH THEIR HANDSHAKE, I
FELT AS IF I HAD GAINED A LITTLE HOPE...


UNTIL MY SURROUNDINGS BECAME COVERED
IN DARKNESS AND INSECURITY.


THE MOON...
SO BRIGHT...
WE FOUND THE RUINS OF A SCHOOL AFTER CLIMBING UP THE RIVER,
AND DECIDED TO SPEND THE NIGHT THERE.
FEELS REAL AT ALL.
NONE OF THIS...
JUST... WHAT AM I DOING?


SOME RANDOM ISLAND IN THE SOUTH I'VE NEVER BEEN TO BEFORE
SUICIDE ISLAND...
JUST WHAT IS GOING ON, ANYWAY?


NO... IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
CAN I REALLY SURVIVE HERE?

WE'LL ALL PROBABLY BE...
THAT CORPSE WASN'T OF SOMEONE WHO COMMITTED SUICIDE.

OUTSIDE? NO. FROM THE HALL-WAY...
ゴ...
!
YEAH...
...RIGHT?

I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANYMORE!
WE'LL END UP SUFFERING SOMETHING WORSE THAN DEATH...
YEAH...
I DON'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT IT...!
HUNTING AND GATHERING? NO WAY! WE'RE ALL AMATEURS...
WE'RE ALL GOING TO DIE ANYWAY!
AH...
NO...!
AH...
DON'T THINK... OK?
LET'S JUST NOT THINK ABOUT ANYTHING ANYMORE? ...ALRIGHT?
AHHHH...
NN... NNN...
hah
hah
hah
IT'S FINE, ISN'T IT!? ISN'T IT?

M... ME TOO...
AH...
AHHH... NNN...
I'LL DIE!
I'LL DIE WITH YOU... ALRIGHT!?
WILL YOU DIE WITH ME, THEN? I'M... TOO SCARED.
hah
hah
hah

THE SAME THING'S STARTED IN OTHER ROOMS TOO.
AH...! UHH... UMM...

HEY.
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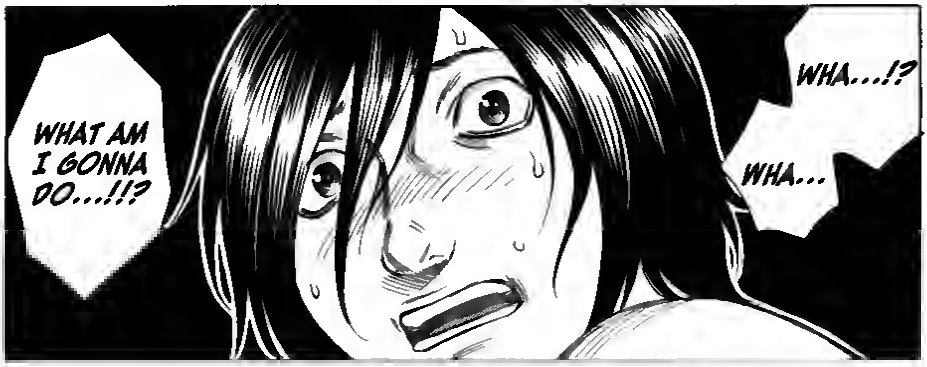
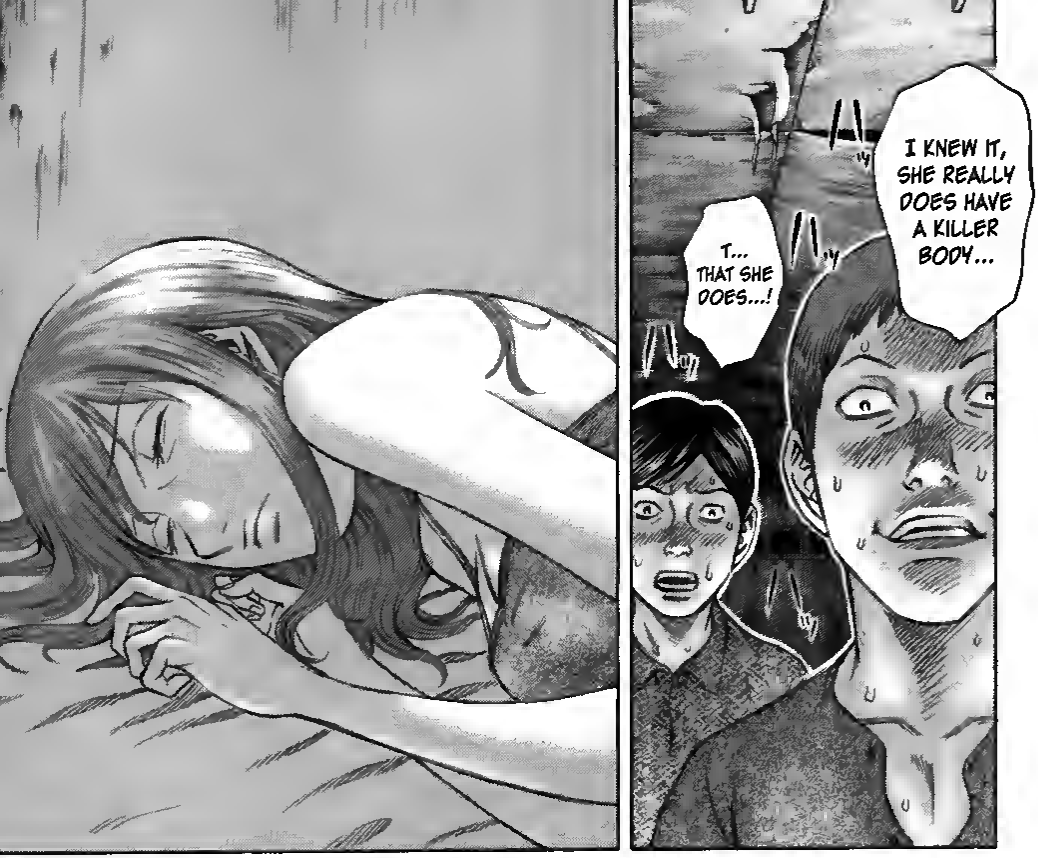
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?

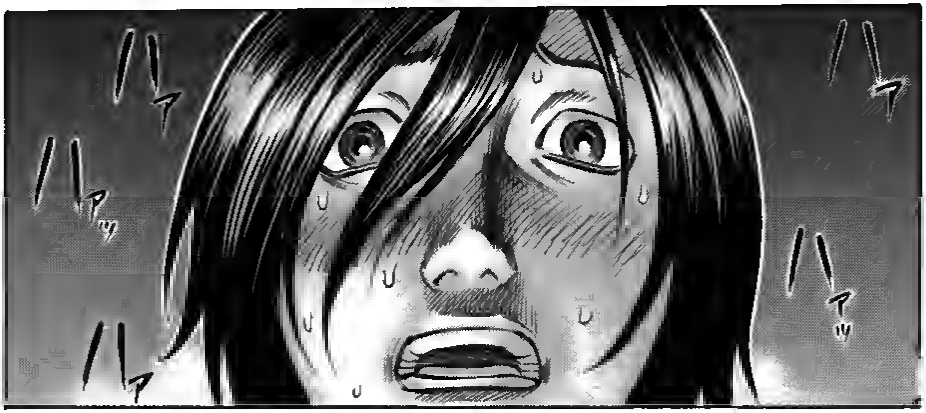

WHAT AM I GONNA DO...!!?
WHA...!?
WHA...

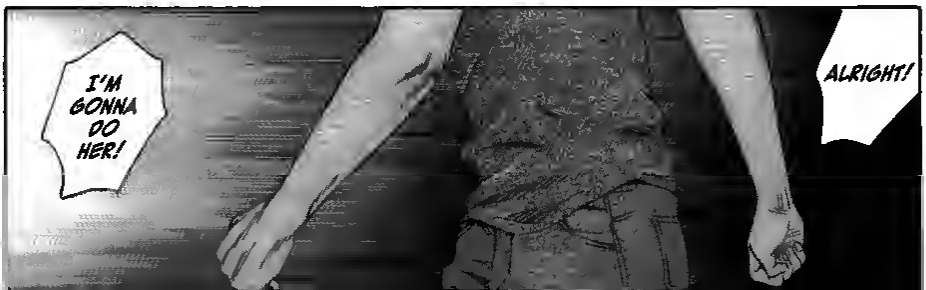
I'VE HAD MY EYE ON HER SINCE THE AFTERNOON——
WHA!?
NO ONE'S GONNA COME SAVE US... SO WE SHOULD JUST DO WHATEVER WE LIKE! RIGHT!?

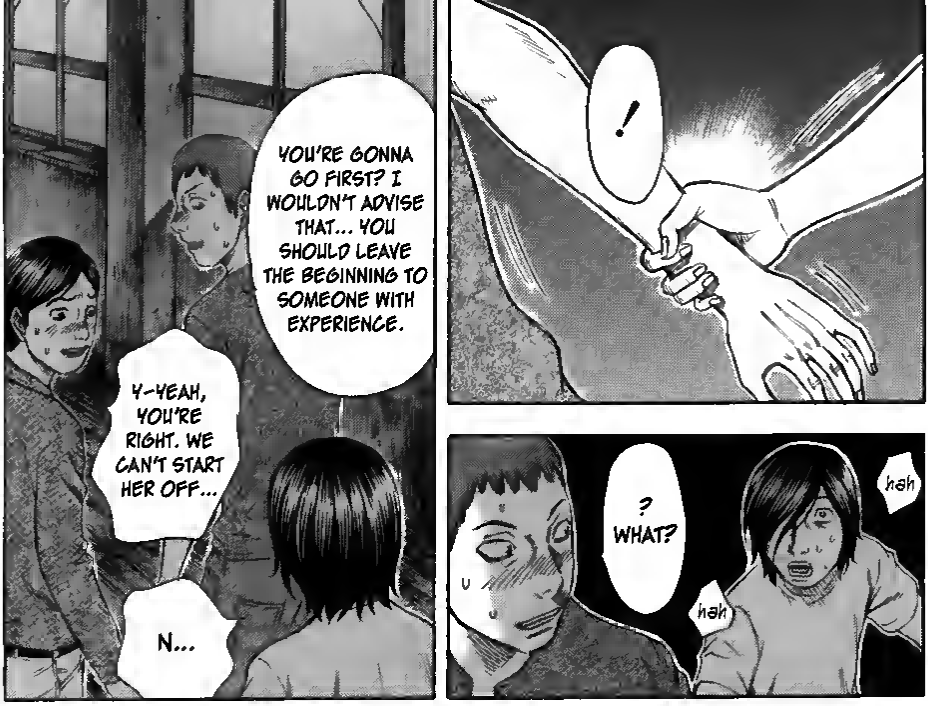
—AH—...
THAT GIRL IN THE ONE PIECE...
LONG HAIR... SEE, SHE'S SLEEPING IN THE CORNER OVER THERE?
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
!
OHHH!
L... LET ME IN TOO!
I DON'T WANNA DIE... WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT IT'S LIKE!!
hah
hah
hah
I... I'VE, UHH... N... NEVER, NEVER DONE A GIRL BEFORE.

NO... WHAT AM I ANSWERING... WHAT AM I!?
O... OKAY.
WE'LL BE FINE. LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!
IF THERE'S THREE OF US, SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO FIGHT BACK.
YOU GOT ANY EXPERIENCE?
LOOK!
SSSH! BE QUIET!
NO... I...!

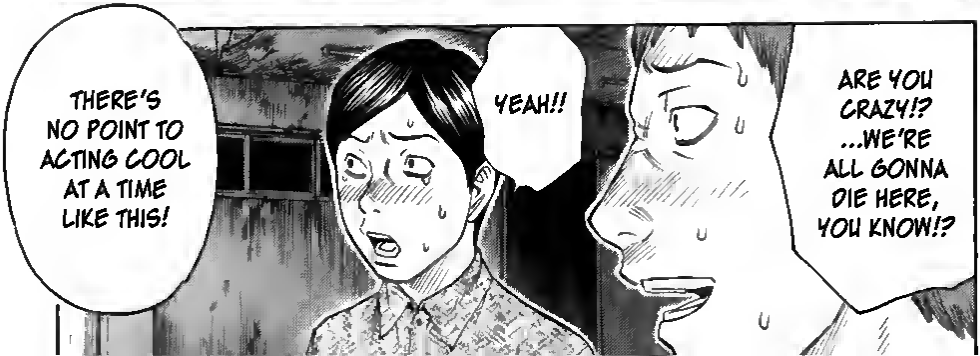

I KNEW IT, SHE REALLY DOES HAVE A KILLER BODY...
T... THAT SHE DOES...!




I'M GONNA DO HER!
ALRIGHT!


YOU'RE GONNA GO FIRST? I WOULDN'T ADVISE THAT... YOU SHOULD LEAVE THE BEGINNING TO SOMEONE WITH EXPERIENCE.
Y-YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT. WE CAN'T START HER OFF...
N...
!
?
WHAT?
hah
hah

hah
hah
N... NO...
I'M... NOT LIKE YOU GUYS...!
hah
hah


THERE'S NO POINT TO ACTING COOL AT A TIME LIKE THIS!
YEAH!!
ARE YOU CRAZY!? ...WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE HERE, YOU KNOW!?

I...
hah
NO...
I'M DIF-FERENT!
hah
hah
NO, YOU AREN'T!
BUT IF YOU PREFER TO DO IT YOURSELF, THEN YOU CAN JUST STAND OVER THERE AND WATCH!
LET'S SEE YOU LOOK DOWN AND SAY THAT AGAIN! YOUR PANTS HAVE BEEN GETTING TIGHT SINCE THE MINUTE WE STEPPED IN HERE!
SHE WOKE UP!
NNN...
OH SHIT!
!!?
LET'S GO!!

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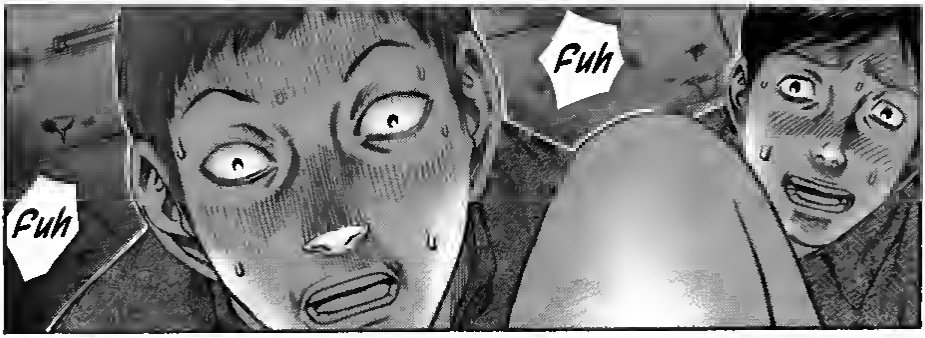
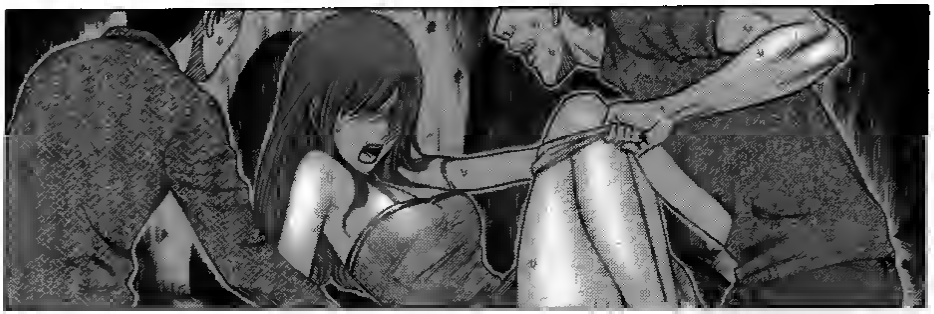
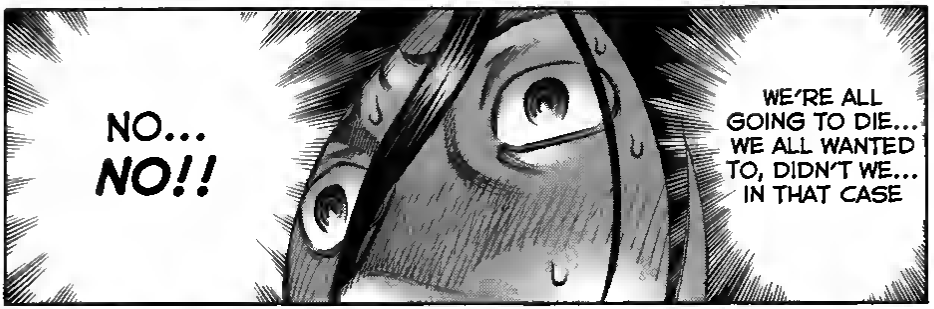
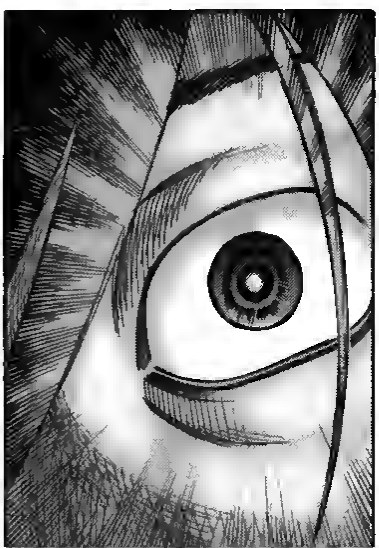


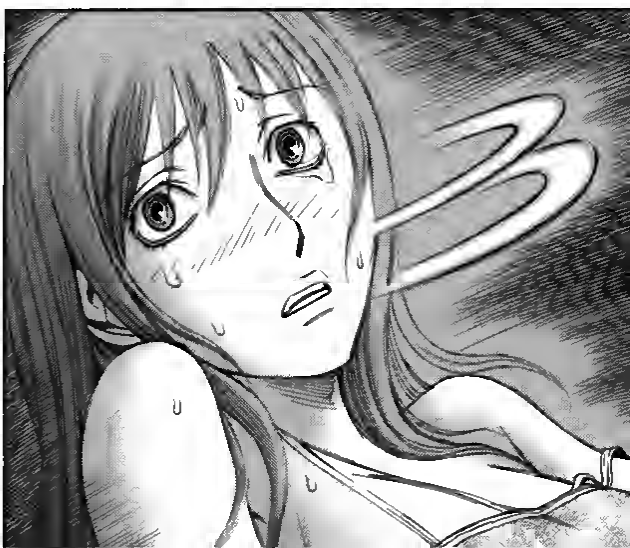
Chapter 4 – Rooftop

NO... I'M... DIFF...
I WANTED TO, DIDN'T I!? THERE'S NO REASON WHY... I WOULDN'T!! AFTER ALL...



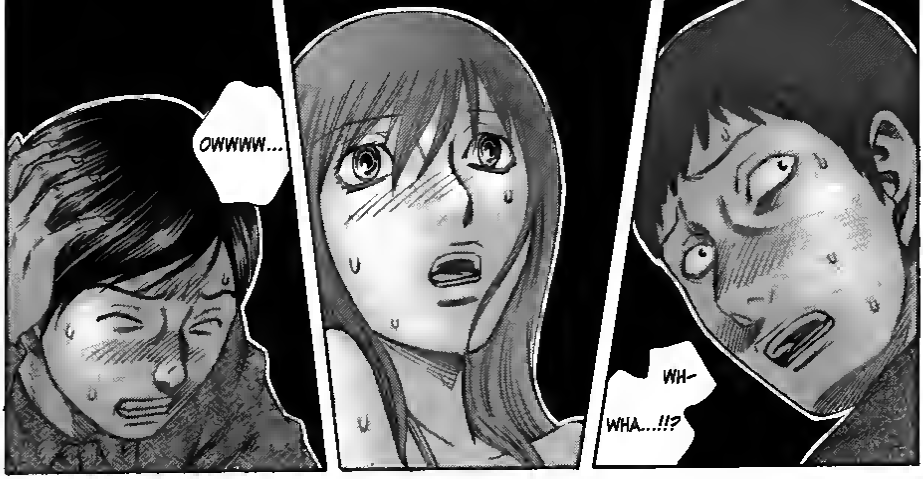

NO... NO!!
WE'RE ALL GOING TO DIE... WE ALL WANTED TO, DIDN'T WE... IN THAT CASE





UUU...
AH...
HE... L...
SHE FINALLY SETTLED DOWN.
HEY!
G...
GOOD...!
STO—

STO...!!
!?
GUH!
GAAH!


OWWWW...
WH-
WHA...!!?

AND JUST GO TO SLEEP!! TOMORROW'S GONNA BE REALLY TOUGH.
SHUT UP, YOU TWO...

...RIGHT.
WE'RE ALL FREE, AREN'T WE!? WHY ARE YOU TELLING US WHAT TO DO!?
...THAT HURTS! WHAT THE HELL, MAN!?

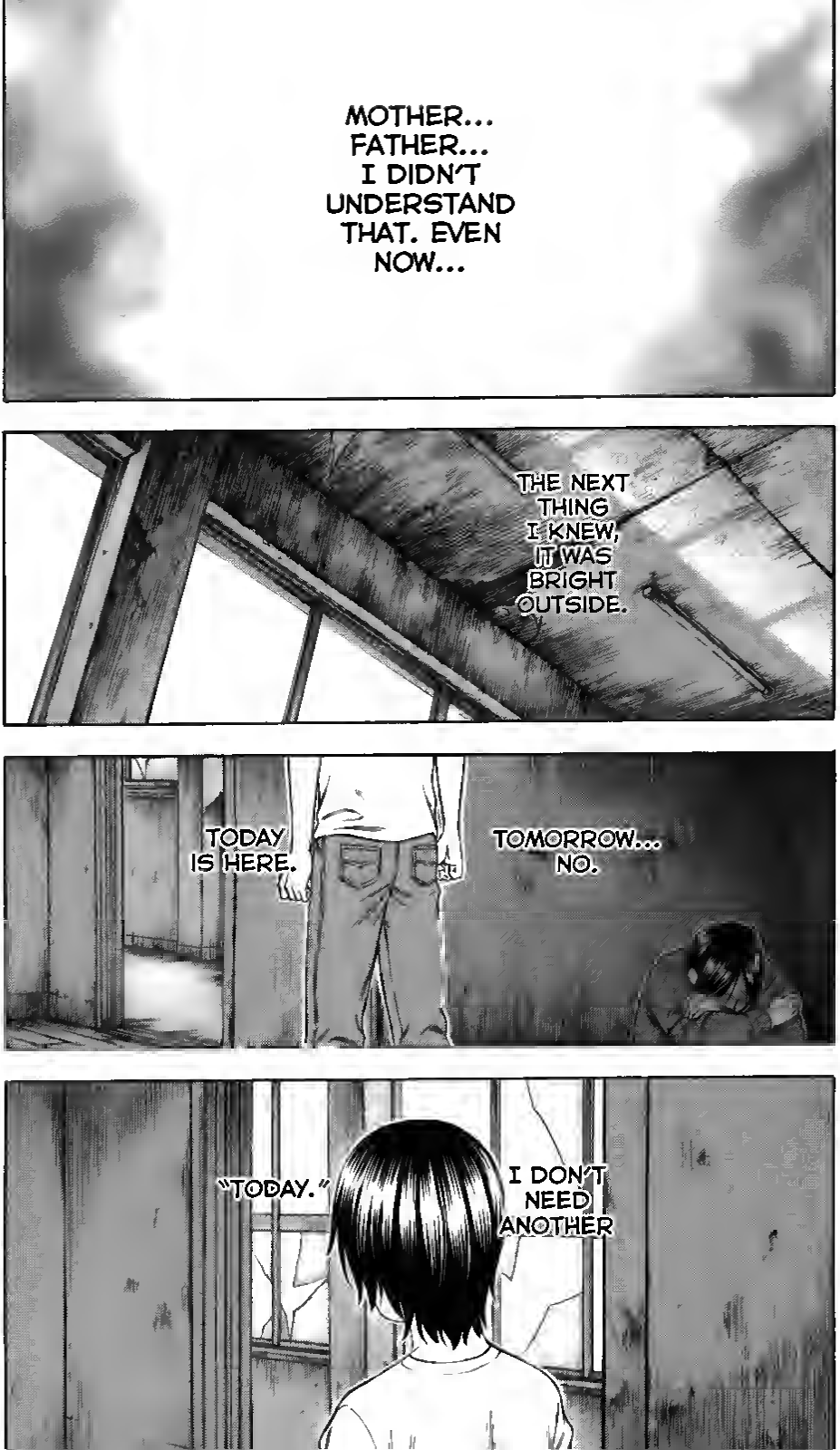
UUU!
U-UMM...!
I'M FREE TO DO THAT IF I WANT, TOO.
AND BEATING THE SHIT OUT OF YOU TWO IN ORDER TO MAKE YOU BE QUIET.

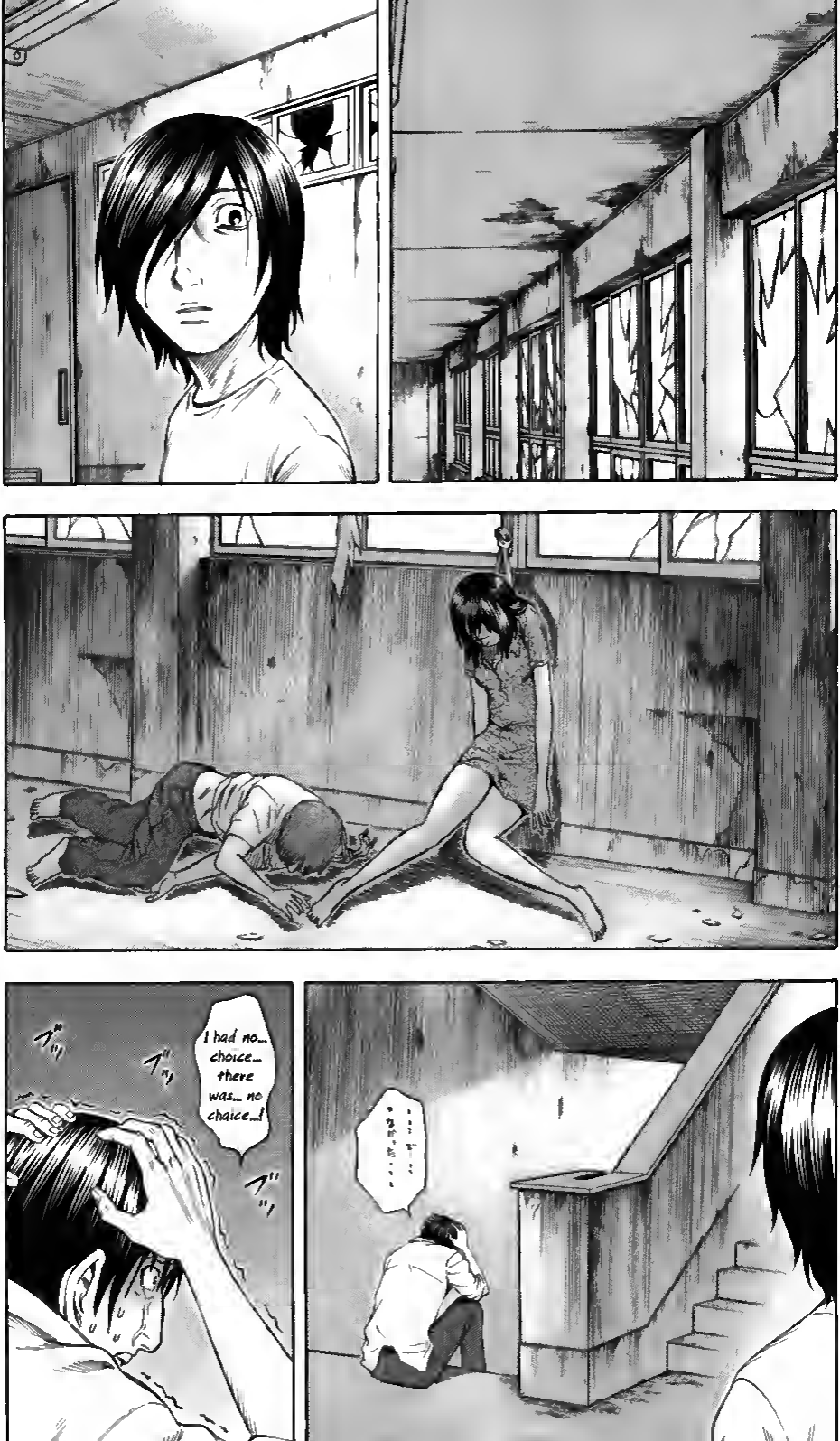
I'M GOING TO SLEEP! I'M GOING TO BE QUIET AND GO TO SLEEP, SO JUST...!!

TCH.

IN THE END, I...
LET'S GO TO SLEEP NOW.
TO-MORROW'S GOING TO BE A HARD DAY.
WHAT DID I WANT TO DO?
WHAT DO I WANT TO DO?
I MIGHT HAVE SERIOUSLY BEEN TRYING TO STOP THEM...
I DON'T KNOW...

THE POWER TO DO SOMETHING I WANT,
THE POWER TO ATTACK PEOPLE AND FULFILL DESIRES
AND STRENGTH AND WILL-POWER TO STOP SUCH THINGS...
THE ONLY THING I KNOW NOW IS—
I POSSESS NONE OF THAT.
Se...i.
Sei.
If you don't tell us, we can't understand anything!
Why won't you say any-thing? What do you want to do?


MOTHER...
FATHER...
I DIDN'T
UNDERSTAND
THAT. EVEN
NOW...
THE NEXT
THING
I KNEW,
IT WAS
BRIGHT
OUTSIDE.
TODAY
IS HERE.
TOMORROW...
NO.
"TODAY."
I DON'T
NEED
ANOTHER


I had no... choice... there was... no choice...!

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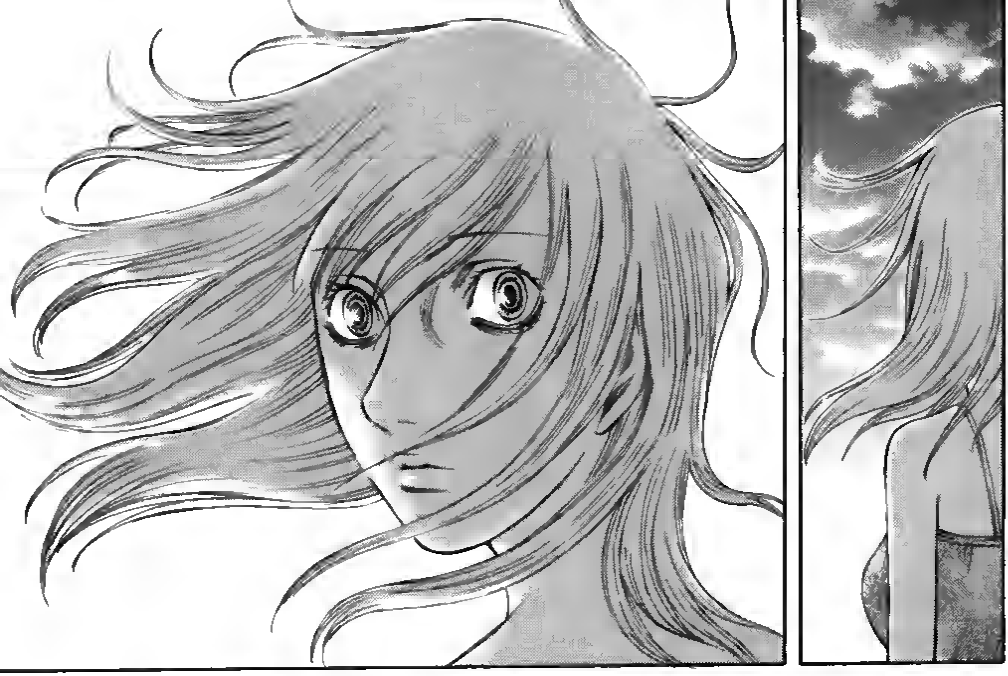
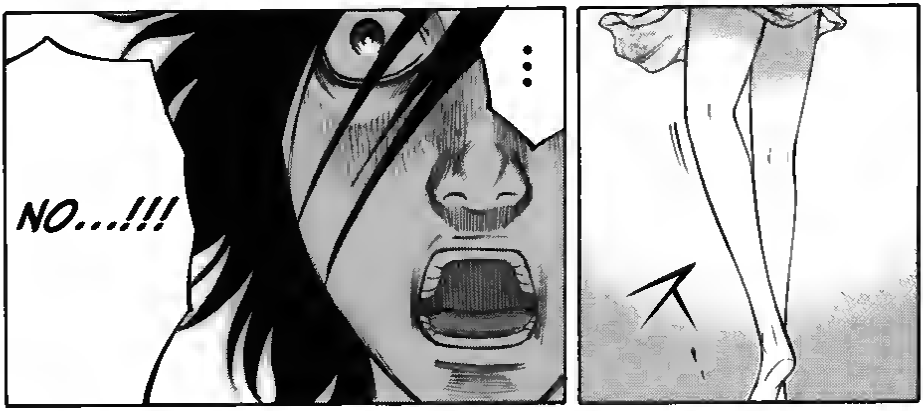
AHHH...
AH!

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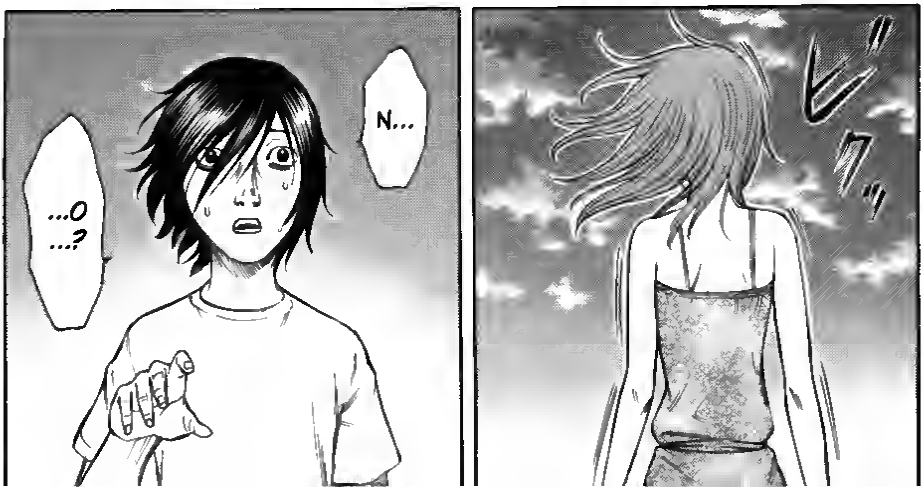
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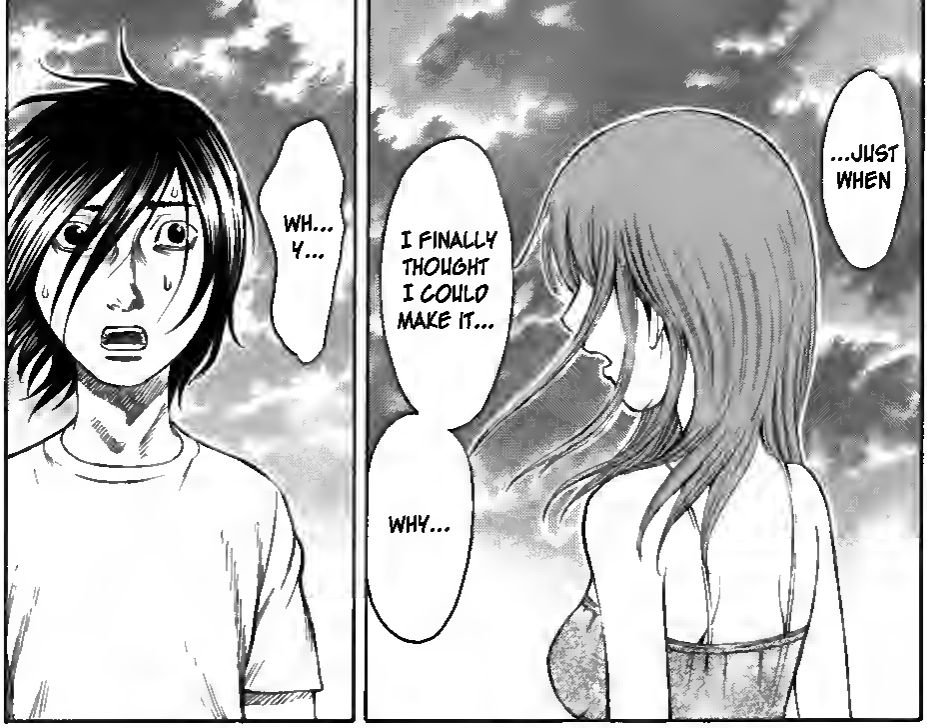
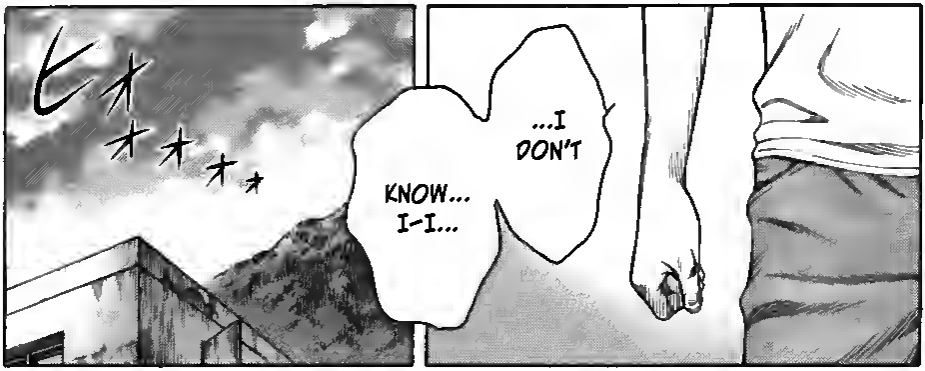

WH... Y...
I FINALLY THOUGHT I COULD MAKE IT...
...JUST WHEN
WHY...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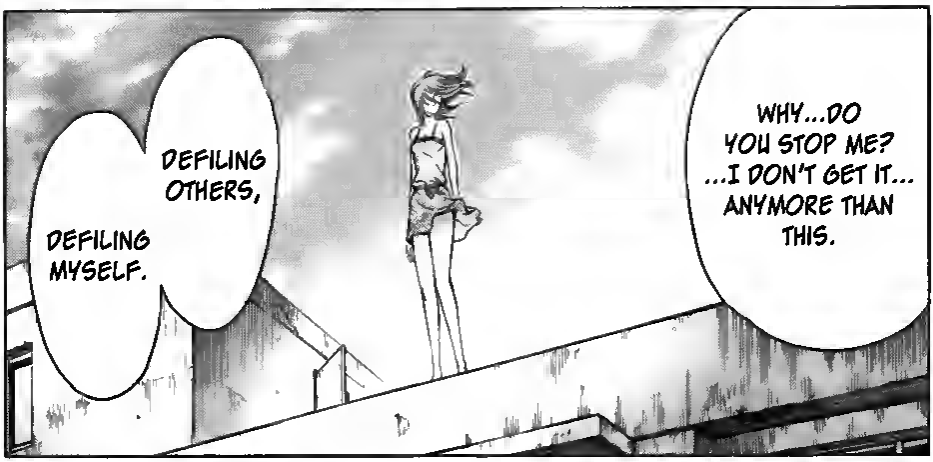
...I DON'T KNOW... I-I...

AND I... REMEM-BERED... MY SENPAI...
SO LONG...
WHEN I... WOKE UP ON THE ISLAND... Y... YOUR... HAIR WAS...

DIDN'T YOU COME HERE TO DIE?
YOU—
MMM... MM.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?


DEFILING OTHERS,
DEFILING MYSELF.
WHY...DO YOU STOP ME? ...I DON'T GET IT... ANYMORE THAN THIS.

OR MAYBE—
THERE IS NO POINT... TO LIVING...

YOU'RE GOING TO GO...
TOGETHER WITH ME?
I DON'T... HAVE ENOUGH COURAGE...
TOGETHER—
TOGETHER—
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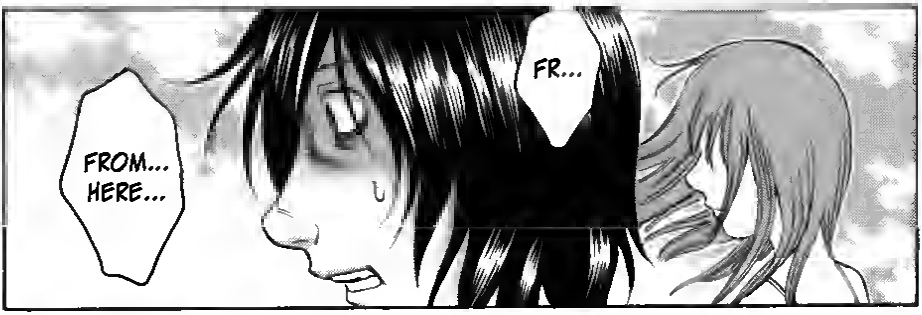
TOGETHER—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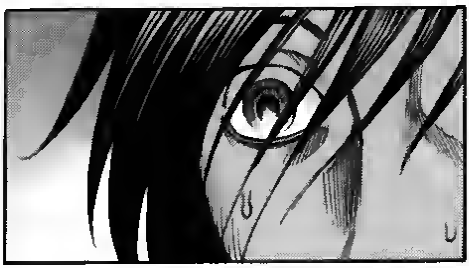
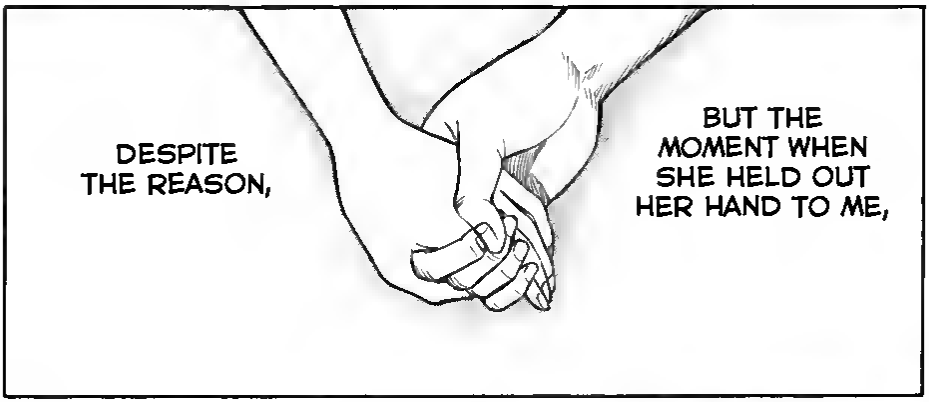
WHY...!?
SORRY ...!

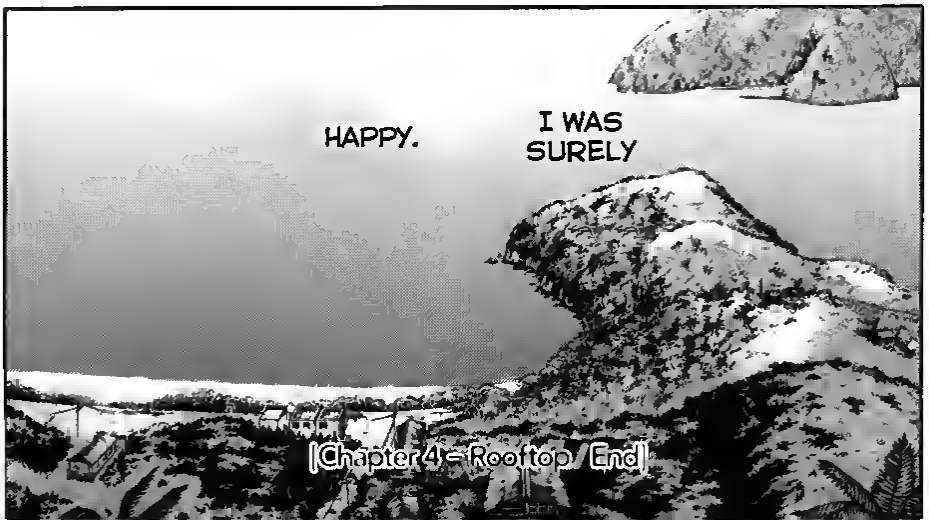
BACK THEN... TOO...
WHY... DID YOU TRY TO STOP ME...

I DON'T KNOW.



I COULDN'T DO IT.
IN THE END...
I DON'T KNOW...


DESPITE THE REASON,
BUT THE MOMENT WHEN SHE HELD OUT HER HAND TO ME,


I WAS SURELY HAPPY.
[Chapter 4 - Rooftop / End]

Chapter 5 – Knife

LOOKS LIKE THERE MIGHT BE SOME-THING...
HOW'S IT GOING OVER THERE!?

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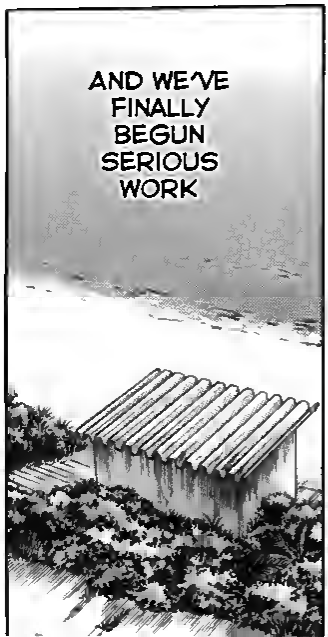
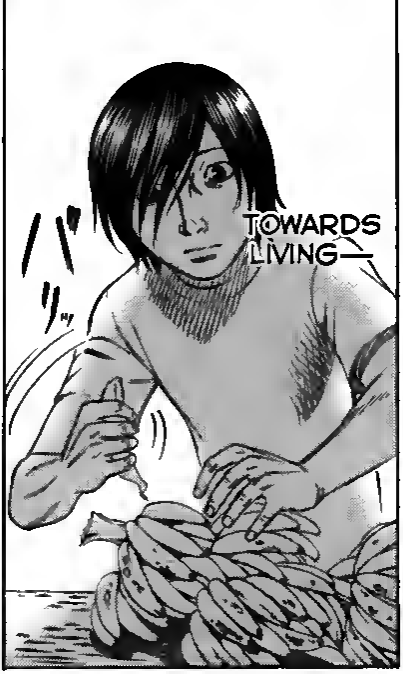
DAMMIT! THIS IS REALLY STUCK HARD!
IT LOOKS LIKE IT MIGHT OP...

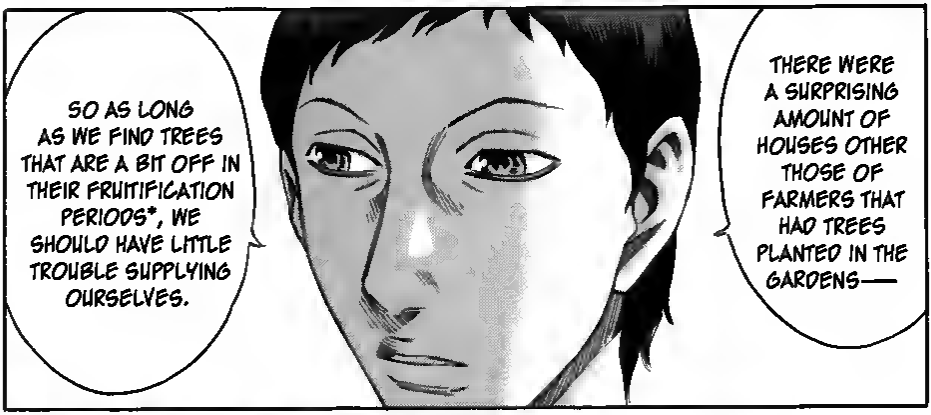
OHH...

WE CAN USE THIS PLACE, CAN'T WE?
A NET.. SHED...?
THIS IS—


AND WE'VE FINALLY BEGUN SERIOUS WORK

SINCE WE REACHED THE ISLAND...
IT'S BEEN THREE DAYS
They went ahead to the beach..
What is Kai and them up to?




THERE WERE A SURPRISING AMOUNT OF HOUSES OTHER THOSE OF FARMERS THAT HAD TREES PLANTED IN THE GARDENS——
SO AS LONG AS WE FIND TREES THAT ARE A BIT OFF IN THEIR FRUITIFICATION PERIODS*, WE SHOULD HAVE LITTLE TROUBLE SUPPLYING OURSELVES.

*THE PERIOD IN WHICH FRUIT TREES BEAR FRUIT

BANANAS ARE AN EXCELLENT FOUND SOURCE THAT INCLUDE VARIOUS VITAMINS IN ABUNDANCE SUCH AS CALCIUM AND MAGNESIUM. THERE ARE EVEN SOME TRIBES THAT USE BANANAS AS THEIR MAIN FOOD SOURCE.
THE POINT IS, THESE WILL ALLOW US TO MOVE.
SO THE QUESTION IS WHAT TO DO NOW——

I WANT TO FISH.

I HAVE A PROPO-SITION.

KAI-KUN...

YEAH... IT'LL PROBABLY BE DIFFICULT, BUT I THINK WE'VE JUST GOTTA TRY AHYWAY.
EVEN IF WE GATHER AS MUCH AS WE CAN INDIVIDUALLY, IT'LL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR A GROUP OF THIS SIZE TO GO ON EATING LIKE THIS.

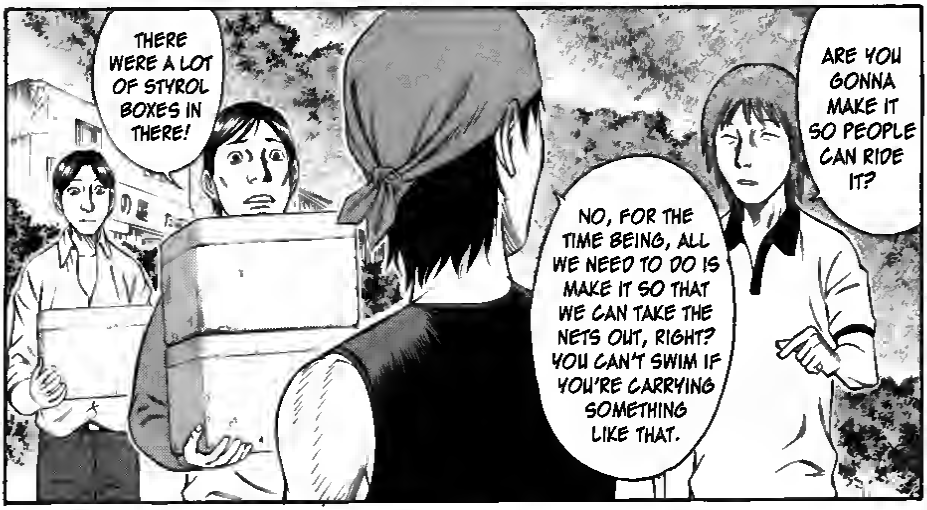
FISH... WITH THOSE NETS?
WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A BOAT, HOW ARE WE GONNA...

IF ONE HAS A HIGH LEVEL OF SURVIVAL ABILITIES, THEN IT MIGHT BE BETTER FOR ONE TO GO ON BY ONESELF, YOU KNOW?
THAT'S NOT ME, THOUGH, SO I WANT US TO WORK TOGETHER.
BUT I HAVE NO PROOF THAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO CATCH ANYTHING...

WE GIRLS... HAVE NO SAY IN THE MATTER... THERE'S NO WAY WE COULD CATCH FISH BY OURSELVES.
.....
WE'LL HELP!
THAT SETTLES THINGS!
I HAVE SOME DOUBTS, BUT IF FISHING IS POSSIBLE, THEN ALL OUR FOOD PROBLEMS WILL BE INSTANTLY SOLVED... LET'S DO IT!

.....
JEEZ.
YOU FAILURES AT SUICIDE ARE SO NEGATIVE, I CAN NEVER GET A BREAK, CAN I?
I'M KNOW, I'M JUST... RAISING MORALE!
IT'S NOT GONNA GO THAT EASILY? I'M POSITIVE OF THAT...
WE'RE ALL THE SAME HERE!
INCLU-DING YOU!
ISN'T IT... OBVIOUS?
WH-WHAT?
HA HA HA HA.
WE ALL LAUGHED AS IF TO COVER UP OUR EMBARRASSMENT.
IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I LAUGHED IN A VERY LONG TIME.
C'MON, LET'S JUST GET STARTED ALREADY!
I KNOW THAAAAT!!!

YOU REALLY FOUND SOME GOOD MATERIAL... IS THAT DUCKWOOD?
ALRIGHT, LET'S PUT IT DOWN.
YOU ALRIGHT OVER THERE?
YEAH!


THERE WERE A LOT OF STYROL BOXES IN THERE!
NO, FOR THE TIME BEING, ALL WE NEED TO DO IS MAKE IT SO THAT WE CAN TAKE THE NETS OUT, RIGHT? YOU CAN'T SWIM IF YOU'RE CARRYING SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
ARE YOU GONNA MAKE IT SO PEOPLE CAN RIDE IT?

OVER THERE MENDING THE NETS.
WHERE ARE THE GIRLS?
OKAY, SHALL WE BEGIN?

ALL I'VE GOT IS MY CELL PHONE...
AND MY WALLET AND STUFF...
ALL THE STUFF WE HAD BEFORE THEY SENT US HERE WAS STILL IN OUR POCKETS.
I HAVE A LIGHTER, SO HOW ABOUT WE JUST BURN IT?
WHAT ARE WE GONNA CUT THE ROPE WITH?
WANNA SEARCH FOR SOME-THING?
NO, IT'LL BE A WASTE TO USE THE LIGHTER LIKE THAT.
I—
WHAT WE HAD BEFORE WE WERE SENT HERE...
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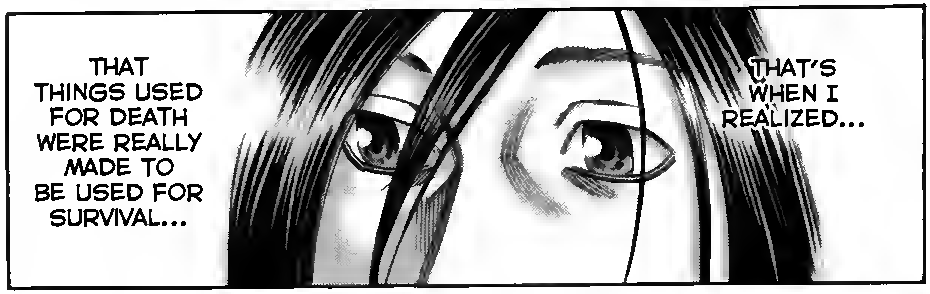
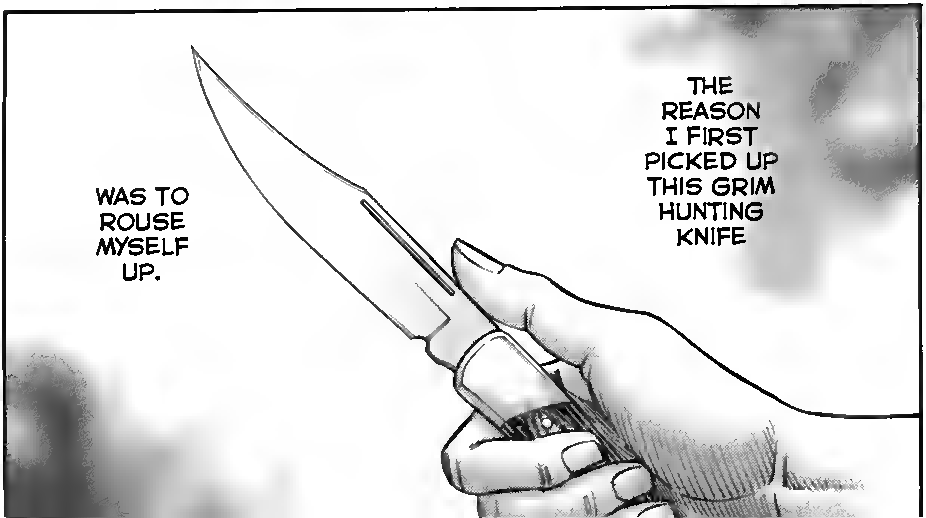
Y... YEAH! LET'S TIE IT AND THEN CUT OFF THE EXCESS PART.
I... HAVE A KNIFE... WANNA USE IT?

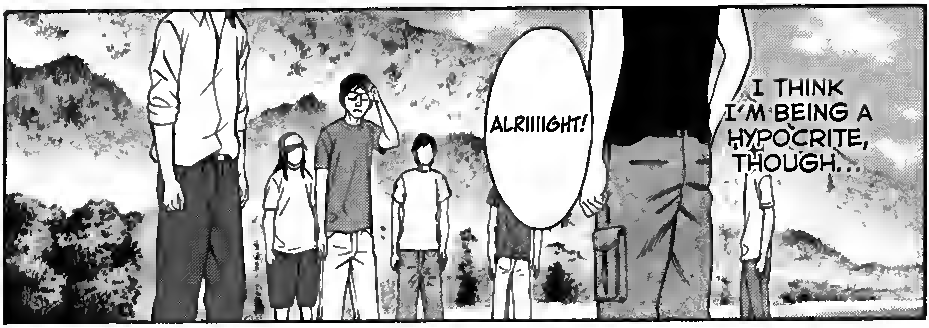
I ALSO...
HAVE ONE.
I'LL HELP OUT.
THERE WERE OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAD KNIVES AND BOX CUTTERS...
BUT THERE WERE NONE WHO ASKED WHY...

USING IT LIKE THIS... A KNIFE CAN REALLY COME IN HANDY, HUH...
EHH!?
Y-YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.


THAT THINGS USED FOR DEATH WERE REALLY MADE TO BE USED FOR SURVIVAL...
THAT'S WHEN I REALIZED...


THE REASON I FIRST PICKED UP THIS GRIM HUNTING KNIFE
WAS TO ROUSE MYSELF UP.

I WANTED ENOUGH COURAGE
TO TAKE MY OWN LIFE.


I THINK I'M BEING A HYPOCRITE, THOUGH...
ALRIIIIGHT!

HOW ARE THE NETS COMING?
YEAH, IT SHOULD WORK.
THERE SHOULD BE ENOUGH BUOYANCY NOW, RIGHT?

I THINK WE DID IT JUST LIKE YOU TOLD US TO...
THEY WERE PRETTY BIG, TOO.
.....
I WONDER IF WE CAN CATCH ANY...
I HOPE WE CAN!
EHH!!?
AH... Y-YEAH, ME TOO!!
?
THIS IS LIKE...

AHH, S-SORRY BUTTING IN ALL OF A SUDDEN
NO, IT'S OKAY
YOU KNOW... EVERYONE... LIKE... HOW SHOULD I PUT THIS?
I... THINK IT'S THE FIRST TIME FOR ME... BUT——
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I KINDA FEEL LIKE WE'RE GOING TO CATCH SOMETHING NOW.
MMM...IT'S TOMORROW... LET'S DO OUR BEST... MMM.
WE HAVE TO DO OUR BEST... MMM.
YEAH! WE WILL, WE WILL.
YEAH!

I... I'M SEI...
TO-MOKI... CALL ME TOMO.
AH! M-MY NAME'S TANAKA!
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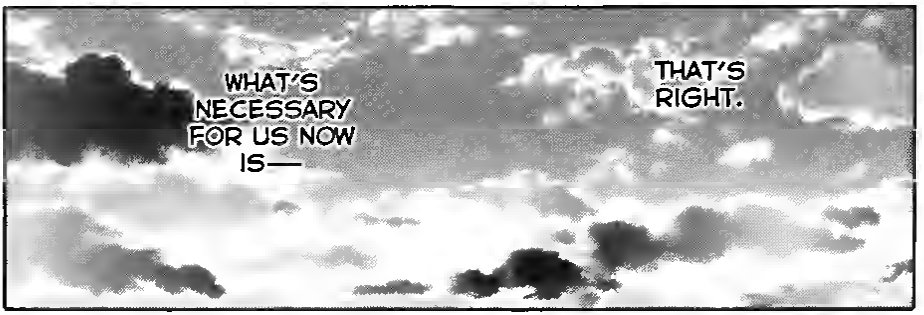
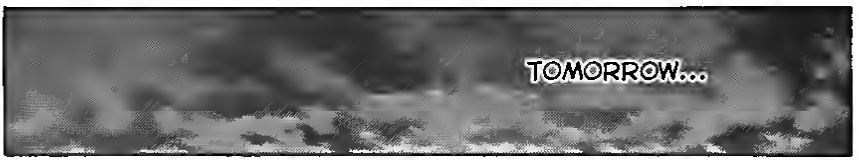
TANAKA-SAN KEPT GOING ON AND ON ABOUT TOMORROW.
EVEN AFTER THAT...


WHAT'S NECESSARY FOR US NOW IS—
THAT'S RIGHT.


TOMORROW...

—IT'S TOMORROW—
TOMO ...?
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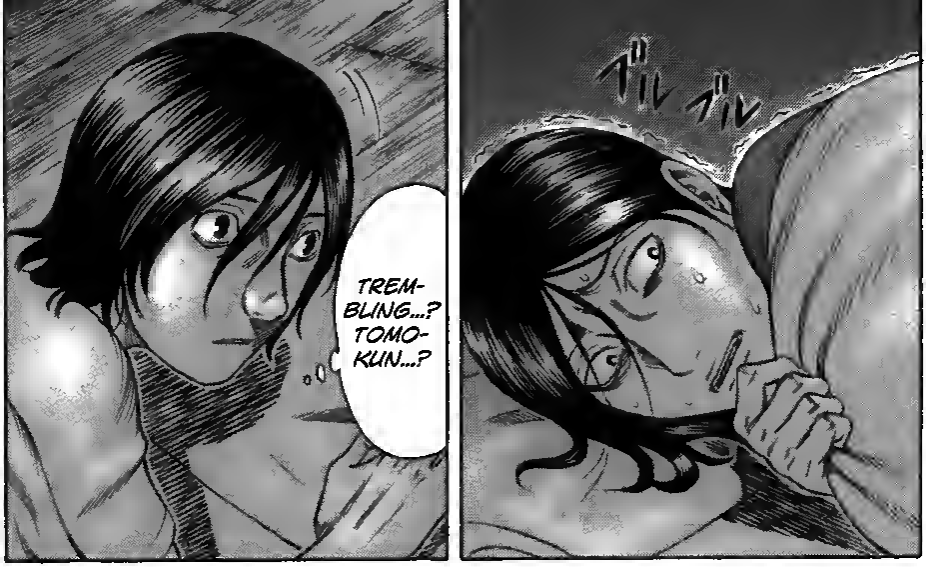
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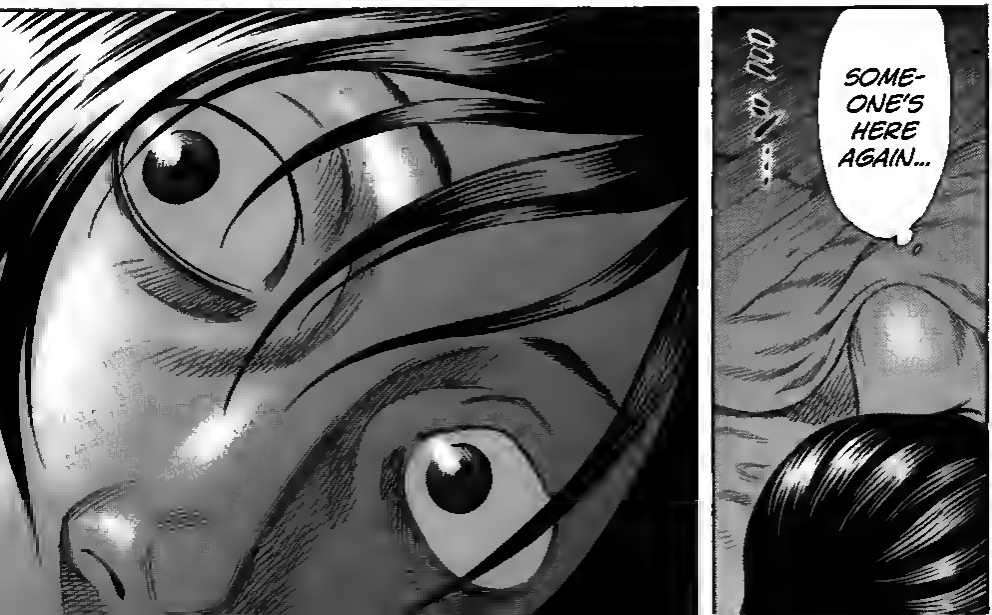
SOME-
ONE'S
HERE
AGAIN...
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AHH...
WHA...
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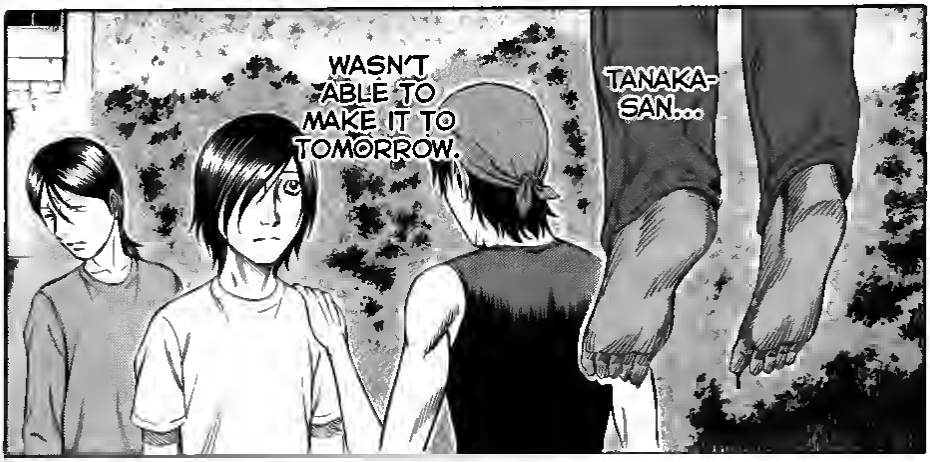
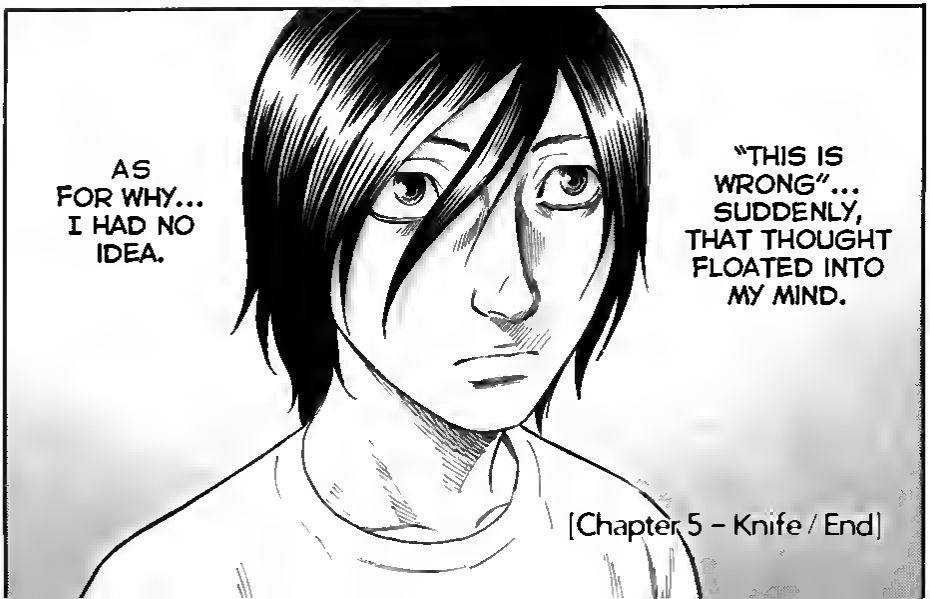
WE WEREN'T ABLE TO STOP TANAKA-SAN...

THE NEXT MORNING, IN THE GARDEN... THERE HE WAS.


WASN'T ABLE TO MAKE IT TO TOMORROW.
TANAKA-SAN...


AS FOR WHY... I HAD NO IDEA.
"THIS IS WRONG"... SUDDENLY, THAT THOUGHT FLOATED INTO MY MIND.
[Chapter 5 – Knife / End]

Chapter 6 – Fishing
DIVING

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LOOKS LIKE THIS PLACE IS A LITTLE TOO DEEP TO ENTER.
THE CURRENT IS FAST TOO... IT MAY BE TOO DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE WHO CAN'T SWIM THAT WELL.
LET'S GO BACK AND CONSULT WITH EVERYONE.
.....
WH-
WHAT?
NAH... YOU'RE JUST REALLY GOOD, THAT'S ALL.
Even better than me!
N-NOT AT ALL!! I JUST SWAM FOR A LITTLE BIT A LONG TIME AGO.
NO, REALLY.
LET'S HEAD BACK, ALRIGHT?
...YEAH...
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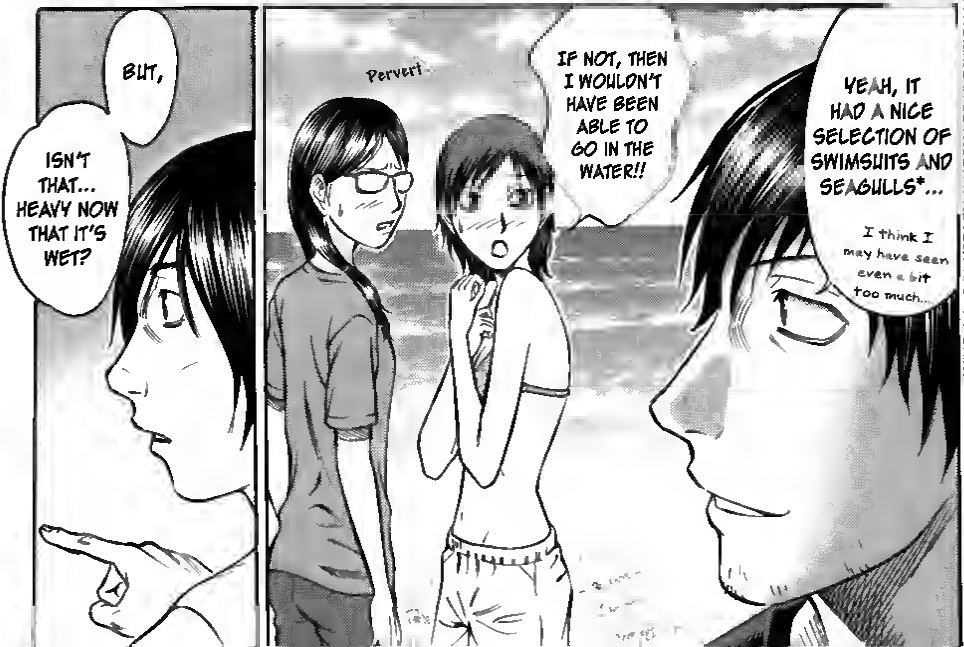
HERE AND HERE...
THERE ARE A LOT OF FISH, BUT IT'S DEEP.
ON THE RIGHT SIDE, THE FISH ARE A LITTLE SCARCE, BUT IT'S SHALLOW.
IF YOU BE CAREFUL OF THE REEF, IT MIGHT BE ALRIGHT.

HMM ...
HOW'S THE EQUIPMENT TEAM FARING?
THAT DIVING SHOP WAS A TREASURE TROVE.
THEY EVEN HAD A LOT OF RENTAL EQUIPMENT LEFT OVER.
EVEN LIFE JACKETS!


YEAH, IT HAD A NICE SELECTION OF SWIMSUITS AND SEAGULLS*...
I think I may have seen even a bit too much...
IF NOT, THEN I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GO IN THE WATER!!
Pervert
BUT,
ISN'T THAT... HEAVY NOW THAT IT'S WET?

*A SUIT MADE WITH ELASTIC AND WATER RESISTANT MATERIALS IN BETWEEN A WETSUIT AND A T-SHIRT

AND SINCE IT'S SEAWATER, YOU'LL PROBABLY SMELL LATER. IF YOU DON'T BATHE IN FRESHWATER AND HANG IT UP TO DRY—
YEAH... YOU'RE RIGHT.
HM... AH? ME?
?
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT... BUT...
MMM...
I'LL TAKE IT OFF!
IT IS KINDA GROSS...
AH! ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT,
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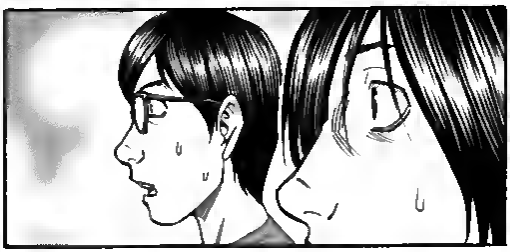
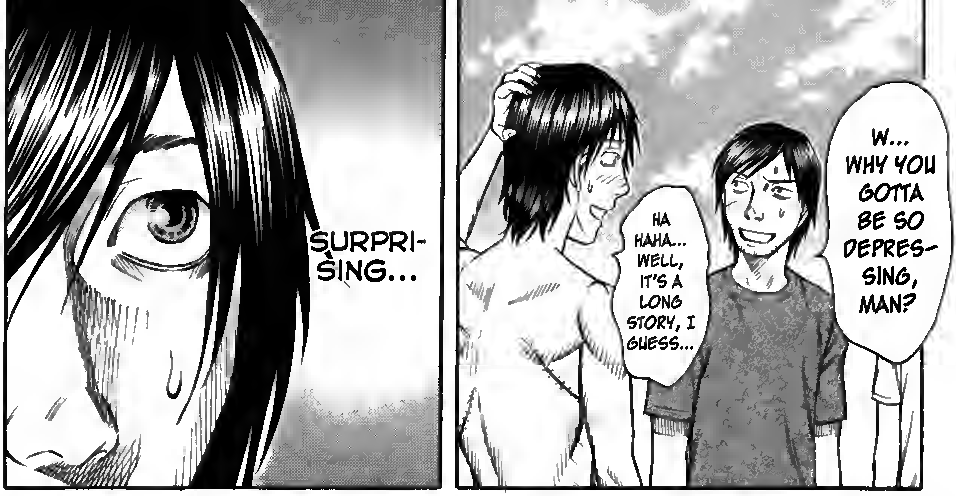
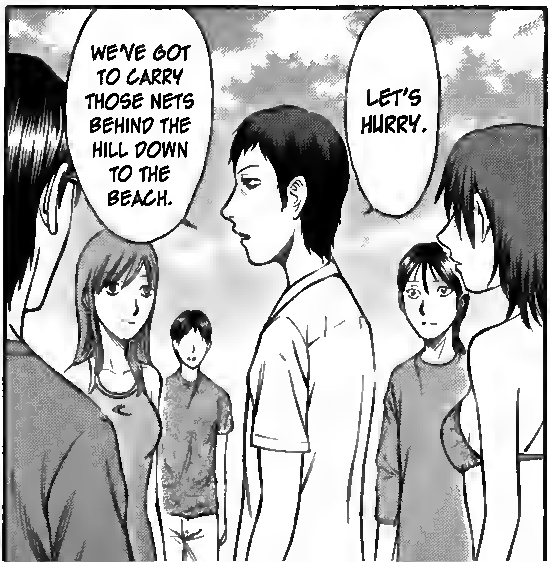
HOOO...

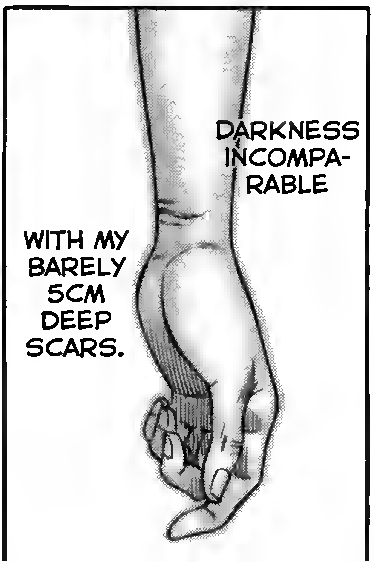
HEHE...
SO IT DID FREAK YOU ALL OUT...



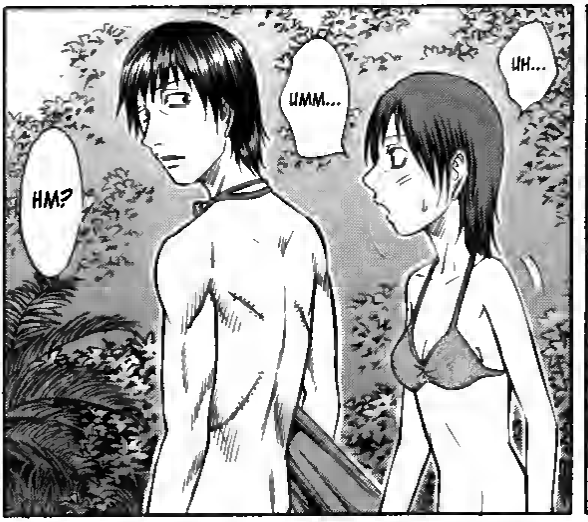

SURPRI-
SING...
W...
WHY YOU
GOTTA
BE SO
DEPRES-
SING,
MAN?
HA
HAHA...
WELL,
IT'S A
LONG
STORY, I
GUESS...

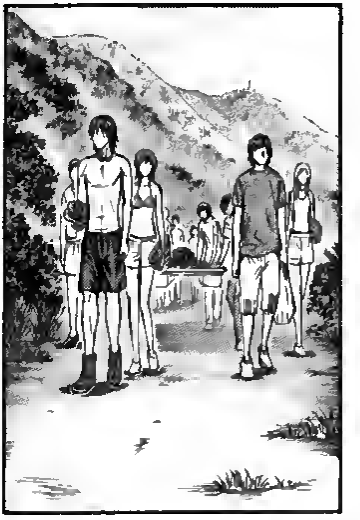
DESPITE HOW
HE LOOKED,
RYOU HAD THE
DEEPEST
SCARS.
BRIMMING
WITH VITALITY
AND ENERGY...
AND SO BRIGHT
IT WAS A MYSTERY
AS TO WHY HE
WAS SENT HERE
IN THE FIRST
PLACE.


WE'VE GOT
TO CARRY
THOSE NETS
BEHIND THE
HILL DOWN
TO THE
BEACH.
LET'S
HURRY.

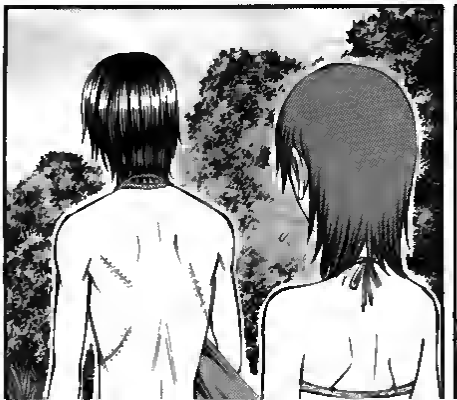

DARKNESS
INCOMPA-
RABLE
WITH MY
BARELY
5CM
DEEP
SCARS.

LET'S HURRY.
YOU'RE RIGHT...
Y... YEAH.


HM?
UMM...
UH...



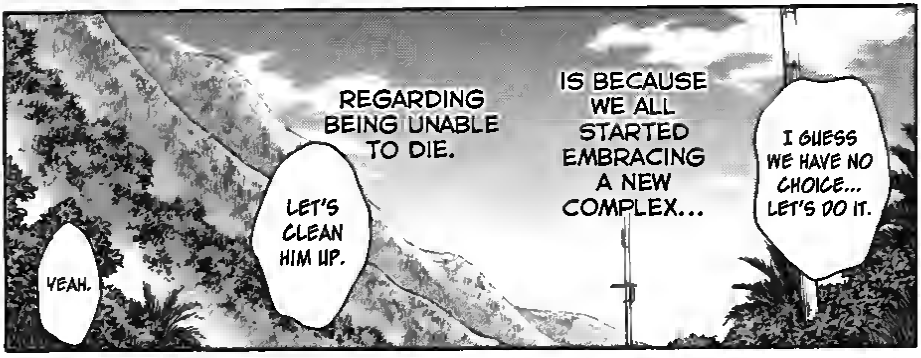
ABOUT BACK THERE...
S... SORRY.



I WANT TO TAKE IT OFF ANYWAY... IT WAS GROSS.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

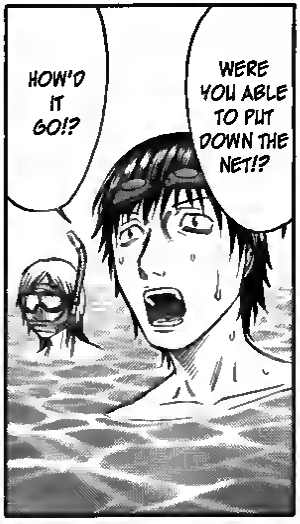
!
LET'S TRY TALKING TO HIM.
NAH, JUST LEAVE HIM ALONE.
!
WE'RE GONNA GO NET FISHING RIGHT NOW, HOW ABOUT COMING ALONG....?
HEEEY!
IT'LL BE BETTER IF WE GO IN A GROUP TO TRY AND ROUSE HIM UP.
AH, JEEZ...

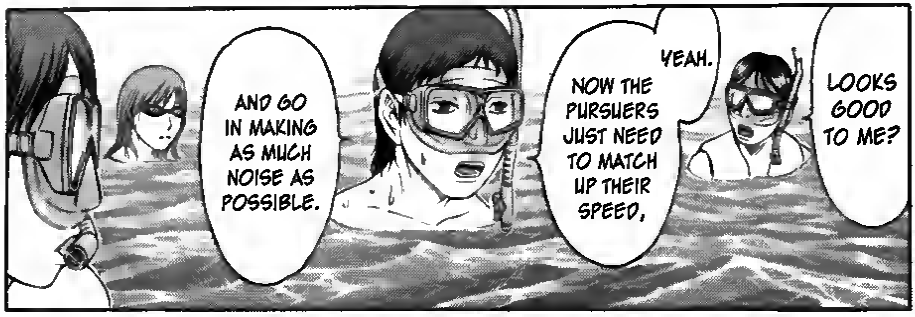
THE REASON WHY EVERYONE WAS PISSED OFF
NOT AGAIN...?
O-OAMN!
DAY IN AND DAY OUT, HE'S WORKING TO BURY HIMSELF...

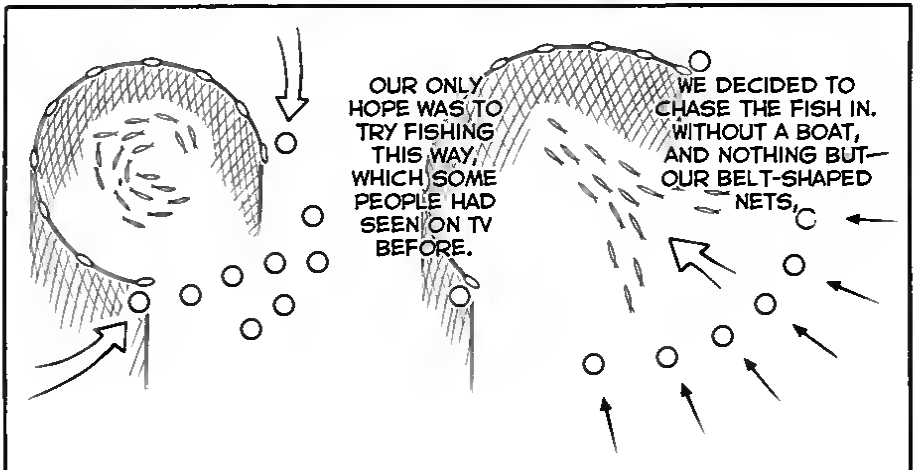

REGARDING BEING UNABLE TO DIE.
IS BECAUSE WE ALL STARTED EMBRACING A NEW COMPLEX...
I GUESS WE HAVE NO CHOICE... LET'S DO IT.
LET'S CLEAN HIM UP.
YEAH.

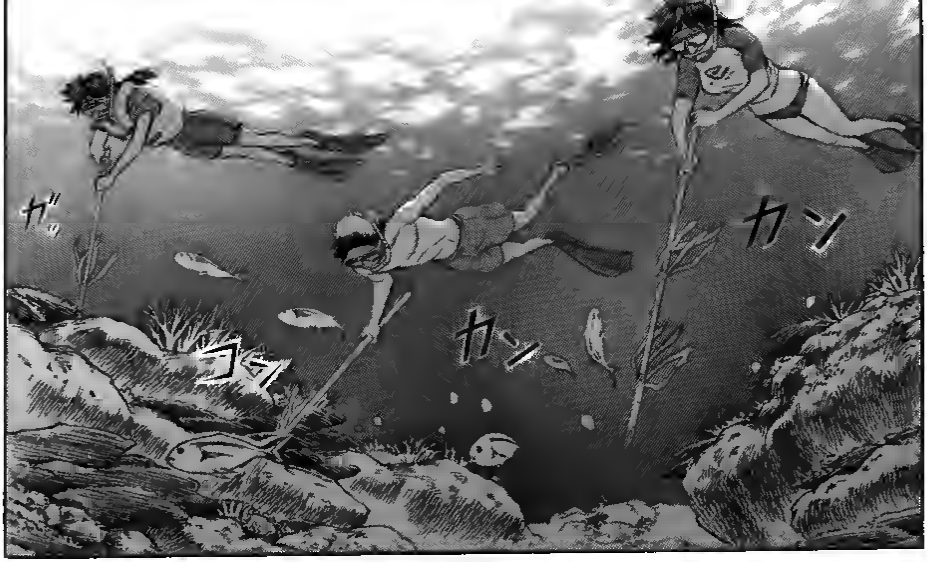
TO LIFE.
REGARDING OUR CLINGING
A COMPLEX—

IT'S IN!!
IS THIS SPOT OKAY!?


HOW'D IT GO!?
WERE YOU ABLE TO PUT DOWN THE NET!?


AND GO IN MAKING AS MUCH NOISE AS POSSIBLE.
YEAH. NOW THE PURSUERS JUST NEED TO MATCH UP THEIR SPEED,
LOOKS GOOD TO ME?


OUR ONLY HOPE WAS TO TRY FISHING THIS WAY, WHICH SOME PEOPLE HAD SEEN ON TV BEFORE.
WE DECIDED TO CHASE THE FISH IN. WITHOUT A BOAT, AND NOTHING BUT— OUR BELT-SHAPED NETS,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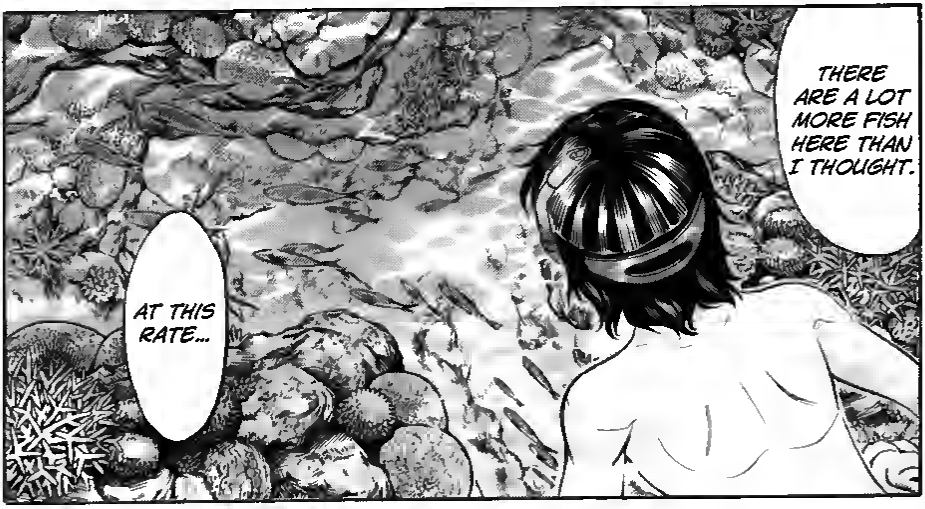
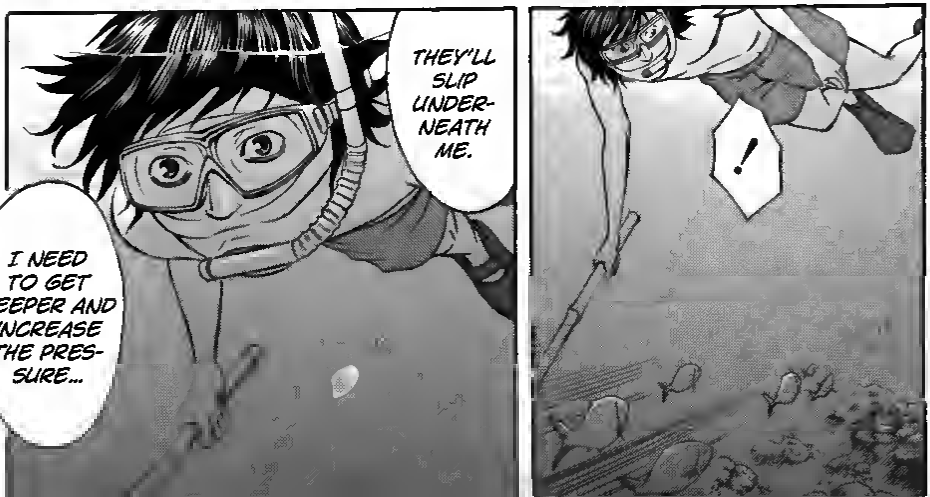

THERE ARE A LOT MORE FISH HERE THAN I THOUGHT.
AT THIS RATE...


THEY'LL SLIP UNDER-NEATH ME.
I NEED TO GET DEEPER AND INCREASE THE PRES-SURE...
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IT'S NO GOOD!! I CAN'T GET IN...
THE FISH ARE ALL OVER THE PLACE.
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THEIR LINE GETS OUT OF ORDER AND GAPS OPEN UP.
THAT'S WHERE THE FISH RUN AWAY.
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES WE TRIED AFTER THAT,
HOWEVER—
ONCE MORE!!
...YEAH.

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE...
NO, YOU SHOULD MOVE AROUND AND SUPPORT WHATEVER OUR WEAK POINTS ARE...
IT'S PROBABLY BETTER IF I CLOSE IT...
AND WE'RE BEING TOO SLOW CLOSING IT...
THE FISH NEVER WENT INTO THE NET.
WE SHOULD PROBABLY SET THE NET IN DEEPER, GOING INWARDS.
I'M GONNA DIE NOW TOO... I WANT TO... DESPITE HAVING GIVEN UP ON IT...
EVEN I... AFTER BURYING THOSE WHO WERE ABLE TO DIE, EVERY DAY!! OVER AND OVER...
MY LEGS WON'T EVEN MOVE ANYMORE... IT HURTS...
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE AFTER ALL... FOR AMATEURS TO TRY AND CATCH FISH LIKE THIS...
NO...

I... GAVE UP TOO.
THINKING THAT EVEN ON SOME RANDOM ISLAND LIKE THIS, IT'D BE STILL BE ALRIGHT TO DIE.
BUT... WATCHING PEOPLE GO OFF EVERY DAY LIKE THIS... I FELT LIKE SOMETHING WAS WRONG.
I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHY, BUT...
IT ISN'T RIGHT...!
ME TOO...!
I FELT THE SAME WAY... I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PUT IT, EXCEPT... IT FELT WRONG!
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EHH!!?
AHH... N-NO, I...
THANKS ...
LET'S DO THIS!
Y-YEAH!

THERE'S A FUNNEL-SHAPED REEF OVER THERE, IT'D PROBABLY BE EASIER TO CHASE THEM IF WE HUNG THE NET THERE.
IF WE'RE GONNA DO IT, THEN WE'D BETTER DO IT FAST... THE CURRENT'S PULLED OUT, WHICH IS MAKING IT MORE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR US.
THE SUN'S STARTED TO RISE... LET'S HURRY!!
INSIDE US.
LOST FEELINGS STILL RESIDED

AND THOSE WHO HAD.
THOSE WHO WERE UNABLE TO DIE,
AND THOSE WHO WERE ABLE TO.
THOSE WHO TRIED TO DIE,
THEN, FINALLY—
THEY'RE GOING IN!
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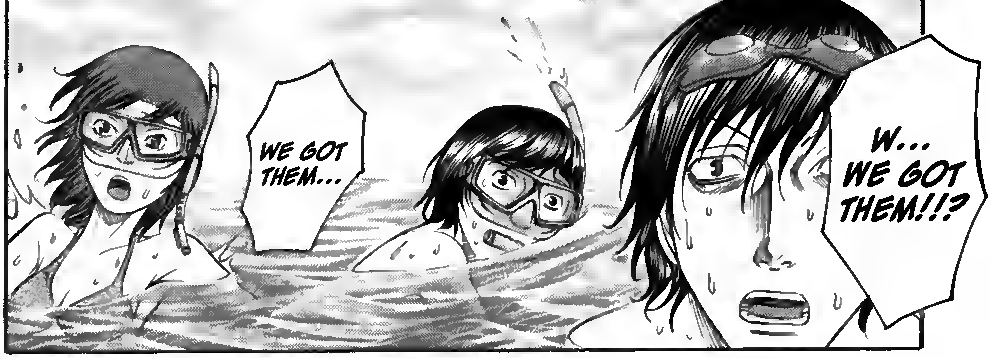

FOR ME TO CONTINUE FORWARD?

IS IT REALLY POSSIBLE

WHICH ONE AM I?

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*A PLACE WHERE SEAWATER REMAINS AFTER THE TIDE DRAWS OUT

OH, REALLY... LOOKS LIKE WE'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP EATING FOR A WHILE, THEN.
I PUT THEM IN A PRETTY BIG TIDE POOL*. THEY SHOULD STAY A LIVE FOR A BIT.

BANANA TREES... WARM SOUTHERN ISLAND...
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THE FISHING HUT... NETS... MASKS... FINS... SWIMSUITS...
WITHOUT THEM, WE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET ANY. WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF THOSE ...
IT WAS REALLY LUCKY THAT WE FOUND THOSE NETS...
YEAH—
WITHOUT THOSE, WE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CHASE THE FISH.
THE MASKS AND FINS TOO...
THIS ISLAND JUST HAPPENED TO BE... YOU KNOW?
NO... JUST THINKING ABOUT HOW WELL-EQUIPPED...
WHAT ARE YOU GOING ON ABOUT...? A MEMORY GAME!?
..YEAH
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YOU'RE RIGHT, IF THIS WASN'T A SOUTHERN ISLAND AND WITHOUT EQUIPMENT... OVER HALF OF US WOULDN'T HAVE SURVIVED...

WHY... A SOUTHERN ISLAND...? JUST WHAT ARE THE INTENTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT ...?

I THOUGHT THINGS WOULD END UP BEING WORSE AT THE BEGINNING... AND THOUGHT IT'D BE ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE.
BUT... WELL, I DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE, BUT FOR NOW, IT LOOKS LIKE WE CAN MAKE IT.

JUST WHAT IS THIS PLACE ANYWAY?

WE WON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT NO MATTER HOW MUCH WE THINK... IT'S USELESS.
IT WILL BE BETTER FOR US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS ISLAND, THOUGH. LIKE WHAT ELSE WE CAN USE——
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ALSO... SALT...
I WANT SOME SALT.
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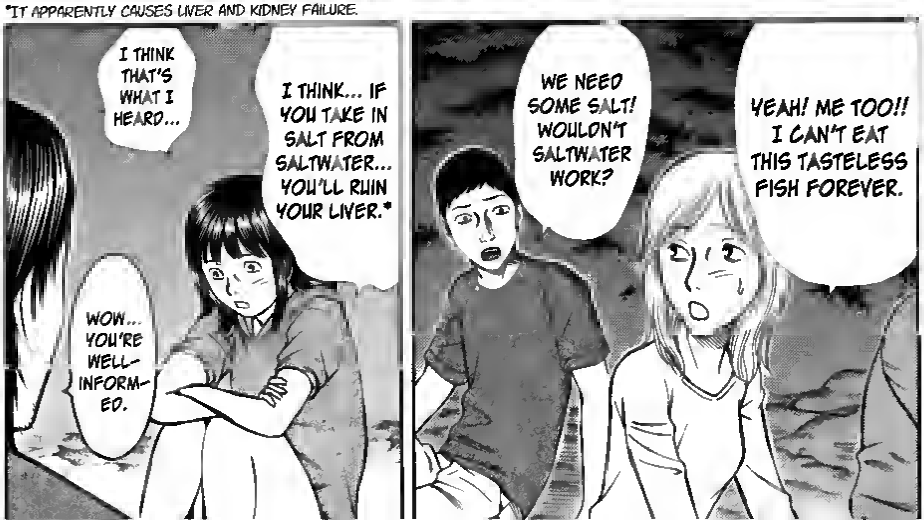
*IT APPARENTLY CAUSES LIVER AND KIDNEY FAILURE.


I THINK THAT'S WHAT I HEARD...
I THINK... IF YOU TAKE IN SALT FROM SALTWATER... YOU'LL RUIN YOUR LIVER.*
WOW... YOU'RE WELL-INFORMED.
WE NEED SOME SALT! WOULDN'T SALTWATER WORK?
YEAH! ME TOO!! I CAN'T EAT THIS TASTELESS FISH FOREVER.

IF WE'RE ABLE TO DRY THEM OUT AND PRESERVE THEM, THEN WE CAN GET A STABLE STOCK.
WE MAY NOT ALWAYS BE ABLE TO GATHER FISH.
TASTE IS ALSO IMPORTANT, BUT... THE MAIN THING IS PRESERVING OUR FOOD.

WHAT ABOUT A SALTPAN?
IT'S PROBABLY POSSIBLE... BUT IT'LL USE UP A LOT OF FIREWOOD.

THERE WAS A PLACE NEAR MY HOUSE THAT MADE NATURAL SALT LIKE THAT.
ALL WE NEED TO DO IS BOIL SOME SALTWATER THEN, RIGHT?

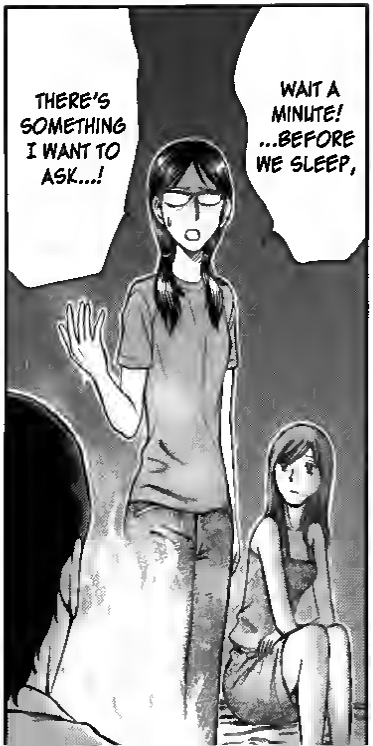
SINCE THE SUN IS STRONG HERE, IT'LL EVAPORATE. ONCE THE WATER GOES DOWN, WE ADD MORE... AND IF WE REPEAT THIS, WE SHOULD GRADUALLY END UP WITH SOME THICK SALTWATER.
ALL WE NEED TO DO IS SEPARATE IT FROM THE WATER... SO WE LAY DOWN THOSE VINYL SHEETS FROM THE FISHING HUT AND POUR SALTWATER ON.

SALTPAN?

I HAVEN'T TOLD YOU MY NAME YET... IT'S SUGIMURA.
JUST CALL ME SUGI.

I SEE! THEN WE CAN GET SALT AT THE END.
THEN WE JUST BOIL THE THICK SALTWATER.

YOU'RE PRETTY SMART!
I, I'M PRETTY SURE YOU'RE—


WAIT A MINUTE! ...BEFORE WE SLEEP,
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK...!

ALRIGHT, SO TOMORROW IS SALT... SHALL WE SPLIT UP INTO A GROUP TO WORK ON THE SALTPAN AND A GROUP TO EXPLORE THE ISLAND?
YEAH.
OKAY, SO TOMORROW, AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL...

I WON'T SAY WHO IT IS HERE... BUT,
AMONG THESE PEOPLE HERE... THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF MEN... WHO HAVE... COME AT US DEMANDING THINGS...
AND TRYING TO FORCE US TO DO IT... ESPECIALLY WHEN NIGH COMES.
IF YOU CAN'T GUARANTEE OUR SAFETY, THEN WE WON'T COOPERATE!
GOODAMMIT...! THIS IS RIDICULOUS, THERE ARE STILL IDIOTS OUT THERE TRYING TO DO STUFF LIKE THAT!?
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
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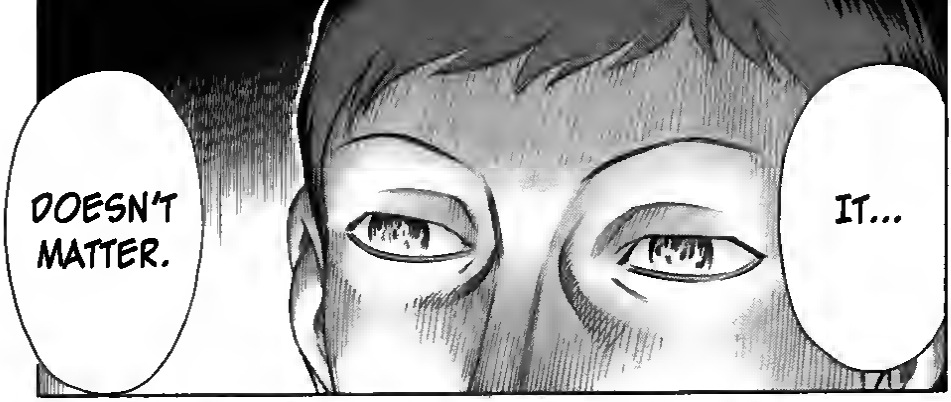
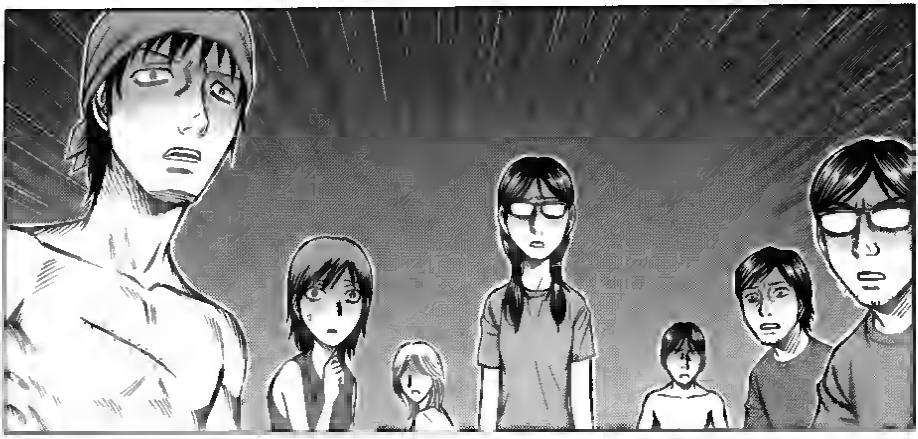

IT...
DOESN'T MATTER.



KAI... KUN...!??
WHAT!!?
HEY... WAIT...
THAT'S HORRIBLE... WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM!?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?
THAT'S SOMETHING PERSONAL, COMPLETELY UNRELATED TO LIE OR DEATH...
ADDI-TIONALLY,
IF YOU REALLY DON'T WANT TO, YOU SHOULD JUST STAB AND KILL YOUR ATTACKER.
THERE ARE NO LAWS ON THIS ISLAND.
THAT'S...!! Y...YOU...
ARE YOU BEING SERIOUS?
OF COURSE.
IF WE CREATE RULES, WE WILL THEN HAVE TO EMPLOY A SYSTEM IN ORDER TO ENFORCE THEM...
AND WE DON'T HAVE ANY TIME TO DO THAT RIGHT NOW. THE ONES INVOLVED SHOULD SOLVE THE PROBLEM FOR THEMSELVES.
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IF I RECEIVE ANY REPORTS, THEN I'LL PERSONALLY DEAL WITH THEM.
PERSONALLY CANNOT FORGIVE ANYONE WHO DOES THAT, AND DO NOT INTEND TO IN THE FUTURE!!
ALRIGHT, BUT I——
HMMM... SMART PEOPLE REALLY ARE TOUGH TO DEAL WITH...
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NO... THIS ISN'T SOMETHING THAT DIFFICULT...
IT'S JUST PERSONAL EMOTION!
YOU'RE CREATING A RULE... DOES THIS MEAN YOU'RE GOING TO ENFORCE IT?

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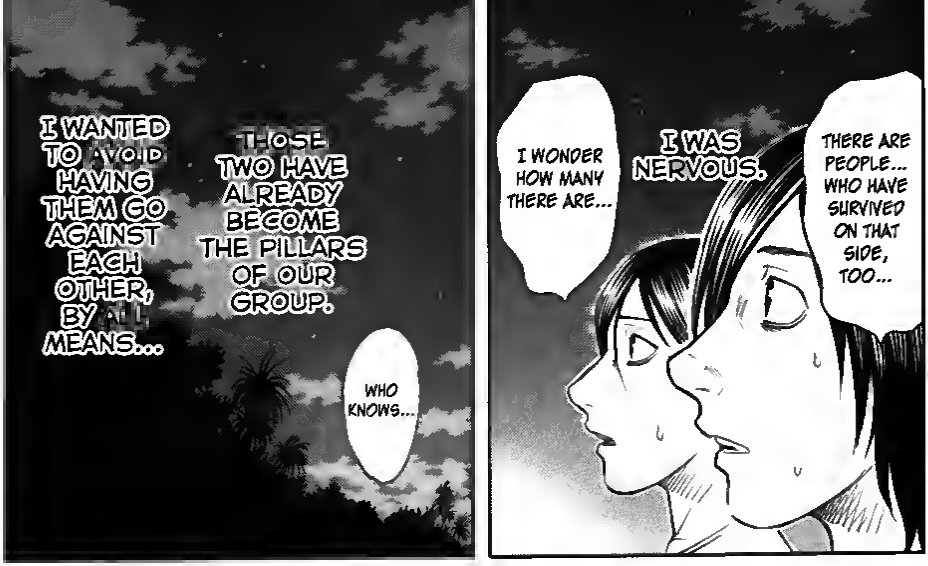
THAT'S ...!
AH!
SMOKE...


I WANTED TO AVOID HAVING THEM GO AGAINST EACH OTHER, BY ALL MEANS...
THOSE TWO HAVE ALREADY BECOME THE PILLARS OF OUR GROUP.
WHO KNOWS...
I WONDER HOW MANY THERE ARE...
I WAS NERVOUS.
THERE ARE PEOPLE... WHO HAVE SURVIVED ON THAT SIDE, TOO...

IT HAS TO BE ABSOLUTELY AVOIDED...
EVERYONE ELSE UNDERSTOOD.

ABSOLUTELY...

HAAH... MY BODY ACHES! WE SHOULD PROBABLY GO LOOK FOR SOME FUTONS.
YEAH...
AH! IT'S RYOU-KUN.
YO.

YOU GUYS ARE THE EXPLORATION TEAM TODAY, RIGHT? THINK YOU CAN GO SEARCH FOR SOME RAZORS FOR US? WE KEEP MESSING UP WITH THIS KNIFE.
YEAH! AND IF YOU CAH FIND SOME SOAP, THAT'D BE GREAT TOO.

THINGS LIKE THAT AREN'T JUST GONNA CONVENIENTLY POP UP SOMEWHERE.
So selfish!
YOU TWO ARE GONNA WORK ON THE SALTPAN, RIGHT?
YEAH, WE'RE GONNA DIG OUT A PRETTY BIG SPACE AHD THEM PUT THE SHEET THERE... IT'S BRUTE WORK.
THE GIRLS WILL BE DOING IT, SO WE GOTTA HELP.

THREE PEOPLE WILL BE ENOUGH, THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO COME TOO.
ME TOO...
AH, I'LL GO TOO.
YEAH.
ALRIGHT THEN, TIME TO GO GET TODAY'S SHARE OF BANANAS.

GOOD MORNING... TODAY, ARE YOU...
AH... HAHA...
YOU DON'T NEED TO PUSH YOURSELF.
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EH?
WHEN YOU'RE AROUND ME.
LIKE I SAID... DON'T PUSH YOURSELF
NO... I...

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WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WHAT...?
IT MAKES YOU TIRED, DOESN'T IT? BEING AROUND PEOPLE LIKE THAT...
I UNDERSTAND.

SLENDER AND BEAUTIFUL GIRLS.
GUYS WHO ARE TALL, WITH POWER.
SMART GUYS, GUYS WITH COOL FACES.

MAKES ME DISGUSTED...
MAKES ME WANNA LAUGH.
THOSE PEOPLE... HAVE SOMETHING... AND YET THEY ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

WHAT!!? I... NEVER...
HEH HEH... WHAT'S WRONG? JUST QUIT ALREADY.
I KNOW, MAN.
YOU'RE JUST LIKE ME... THAT'S RIGHT——
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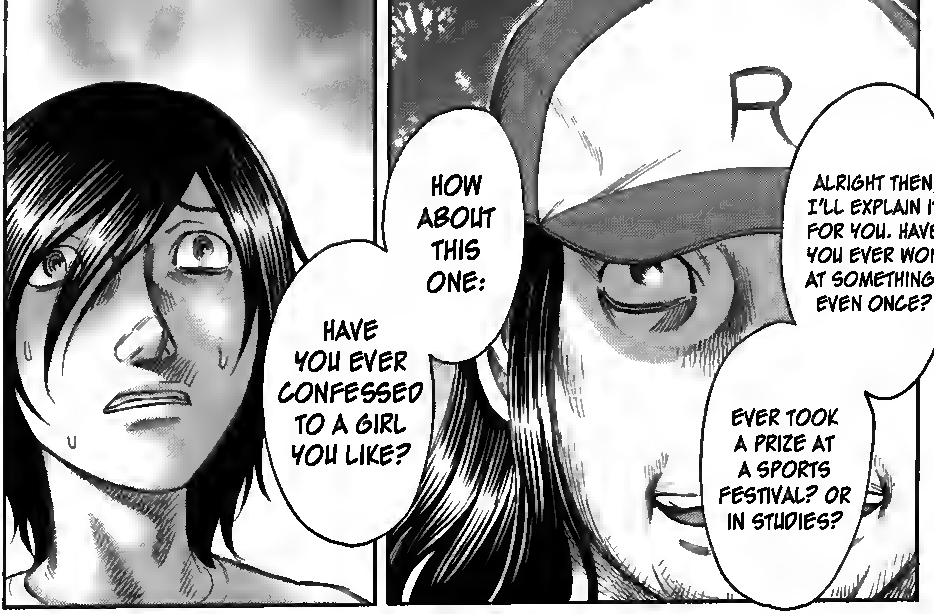
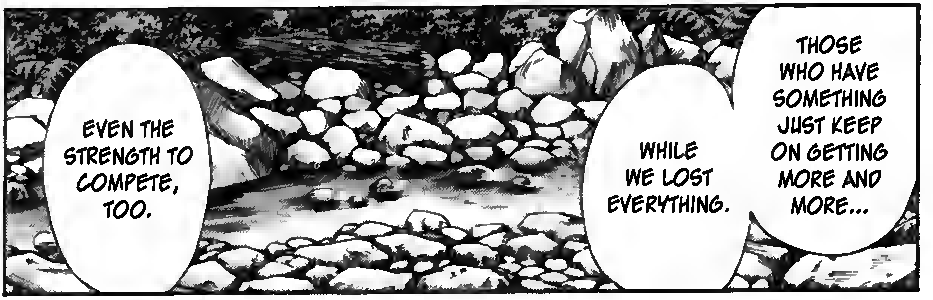
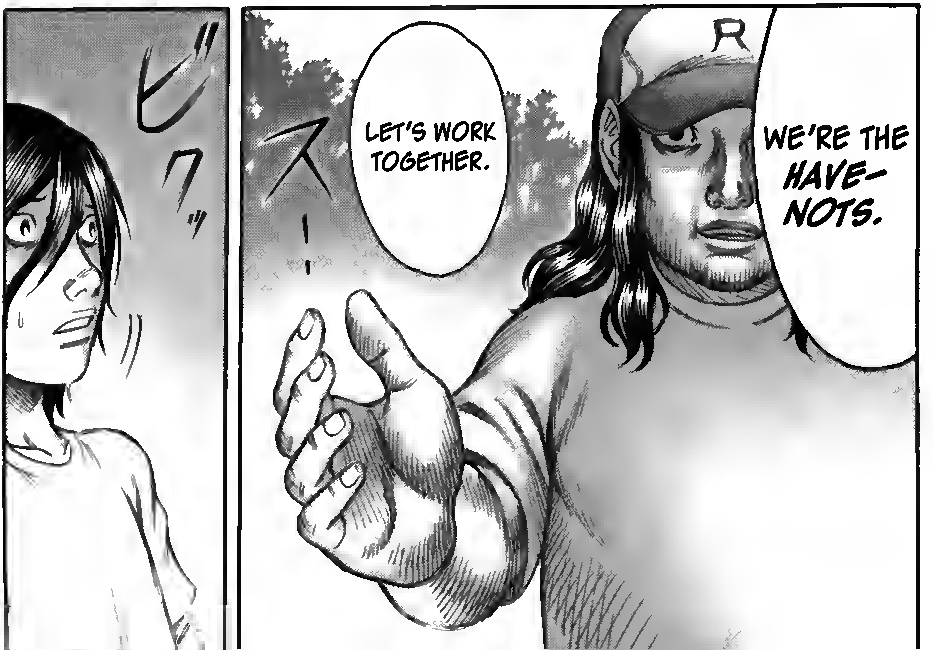
YOU HAVE NOTHING.
WHAT... WHAT ARE YOU...
DIDN'T YOU NOTICE YOURSELF? HEH HEH...
OR MAYBE YOU JUST DIDN'T WANT TO NOTICE... WHICH IS IT?


ALRIGHT THEN, I'LL EXPLAIN IT FOR YOU. HAVE YOU EVER WON AT SOMETHING, EVEN ONCE?
EVER TOOK A PRIZE AT A SPORTS FESTIVAL? OR IN STUDIES?
HOW ABOUT THIS ONE:
HAVE YOU EVER CONFESSED TO A GIRL YOU LIKE?


THOSE WHO HAVE SOMETHING JUST KEEP ON GETTING MORE AND MORE...
WHILE WE LOST EVERYTHING.
EVEN THE STRENGTH TO COMPETE, TOO.


WE'RE THE HAVE-NOTS.
LET'S WORK TOGETHER.
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I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT WE'RE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE PEOPLE, THAT'S ALL.
WELL, IT'S FINE EITHER WAY.
AH-
NO MATTER WHAT YOU EXPECT,
IN THE END, THIS PLACE REALLY IS THE SAME AS THE OUTSIDE WORLD.
YOU'LL JUST END UP GETTING HURT IN THE END.

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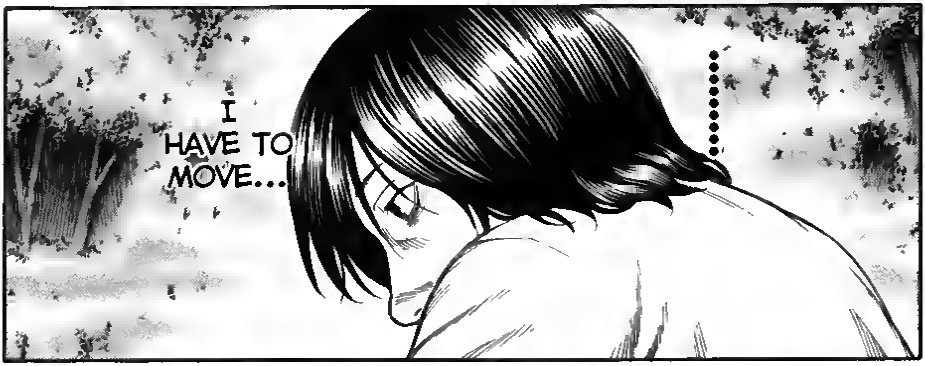

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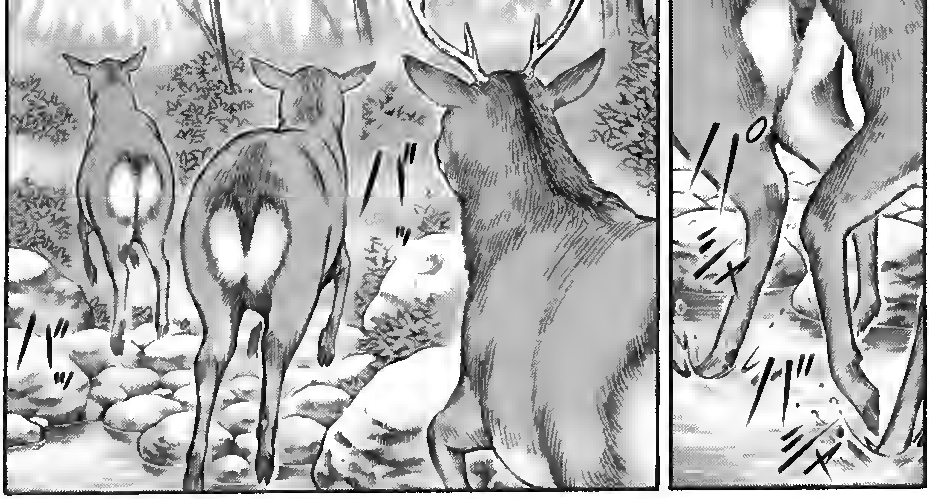
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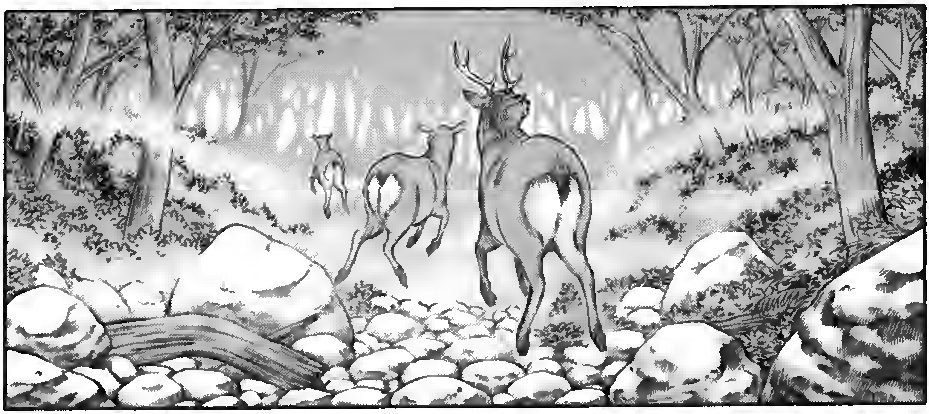

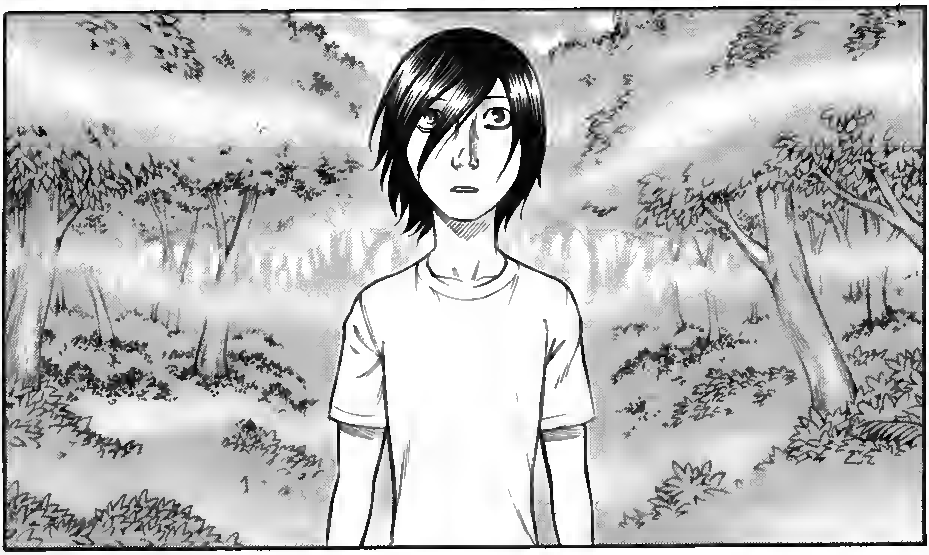

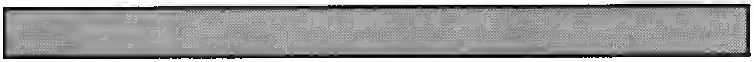

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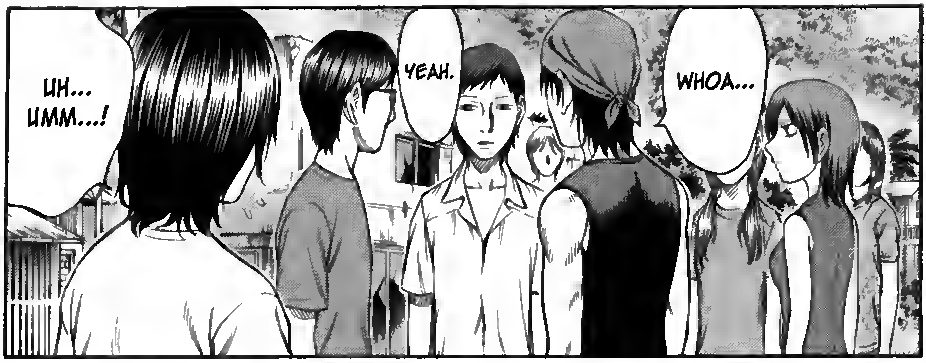
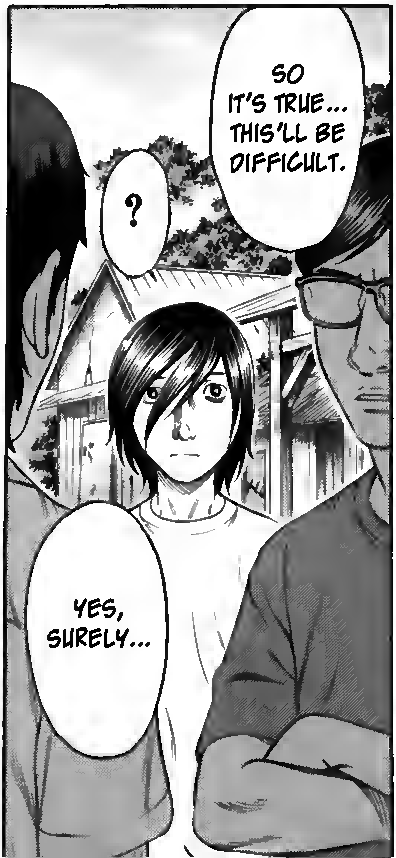

UH... UMM...!
YEAH.
WHOA...


SO IT'S TRUE... THIS'LL BE DIFFICULT.
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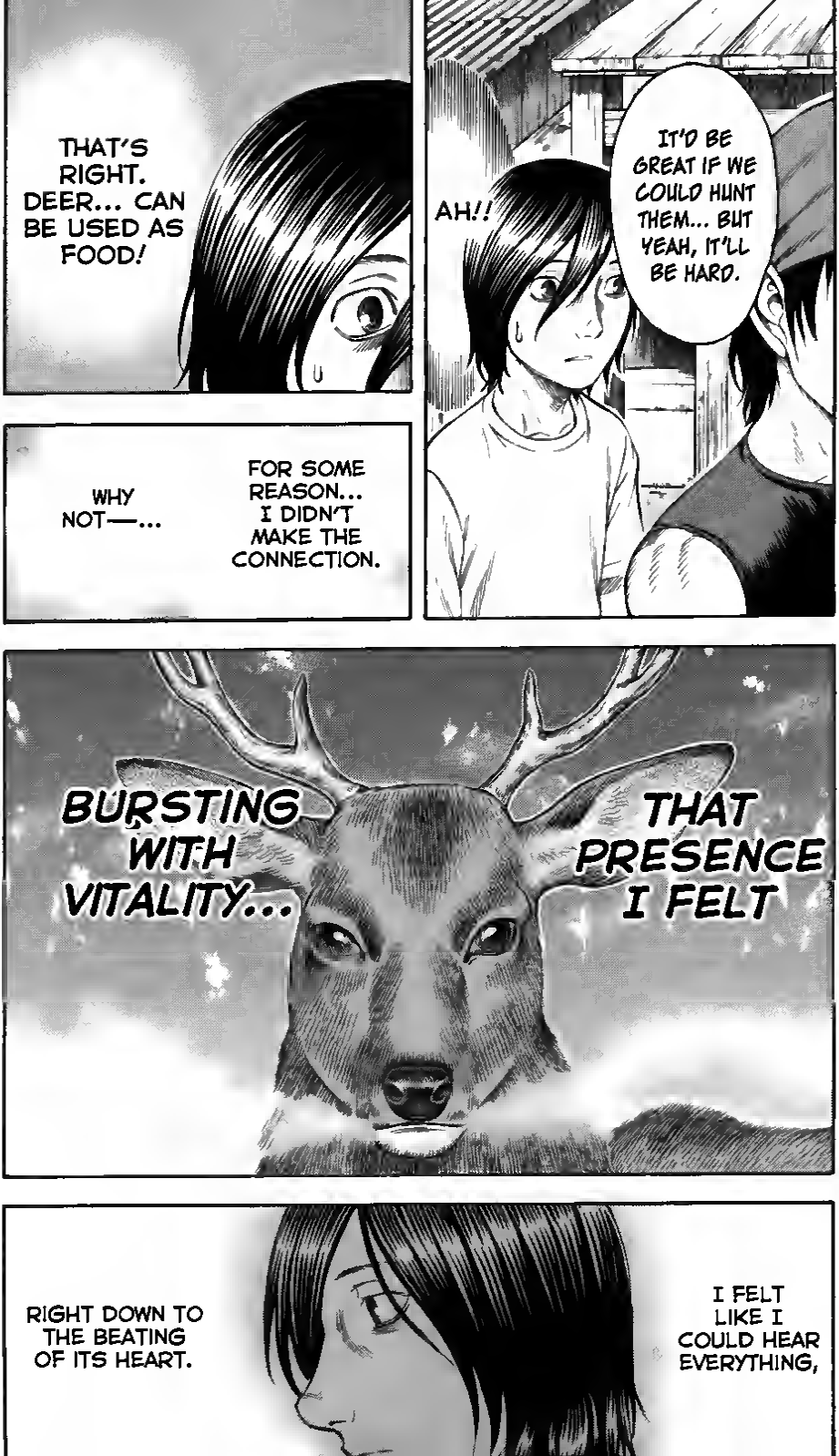
YES, SURELY...

AND THEY CAME SURPRISINGLY CLOSE...! REALLY——
I WASN'T JUST SEEING THINGS...

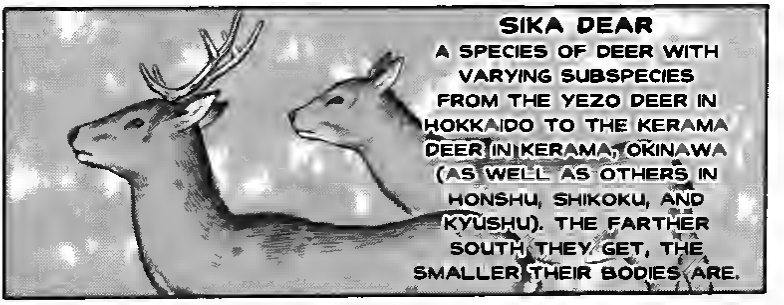
THERE ARE OTHERS WHO'VE SEEN THEM, TOO.
NO, WE'RE NOT DOUBTING YOU.


THAT'S RIGHT. DEER... CAN BE USED AS FOOD!
AH!!
IT'D BE GREAT IF WE COULD HUNT THEM... BUT YEAH, IT'LL BE HARD.
WHY NOT—...
FOR SOME REASON... I DIDN'T MAKE THE CONNECTION.
BURSTING WITH VITALITY...
THAT PRESENCE I FELT
RIGHT DOWN TO THE BEATING OF ITS HEART.
I FELT LIKE I COULD HEAR EVERYTHING,

OKAY, SO IT'S SETTLED! WE'LL STAY AS FISHERMEN FOR A WHILE!!
Why is this guy so positive
YEAH.

THIS ISN'T REALISTIC. WE DON'T EVEN HAVE ANY TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THEM...
AND NEITHER THE ALLOWANCE TO BET ON SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

ONLY ONE BANANA FOR LUNCH, GOT IT!?
TAKE CARE OF THE SALT FOR US!
ALRIGHT, THEN LET'S KEEP WORKING! YOU TOO, EXPLORATION GROUP!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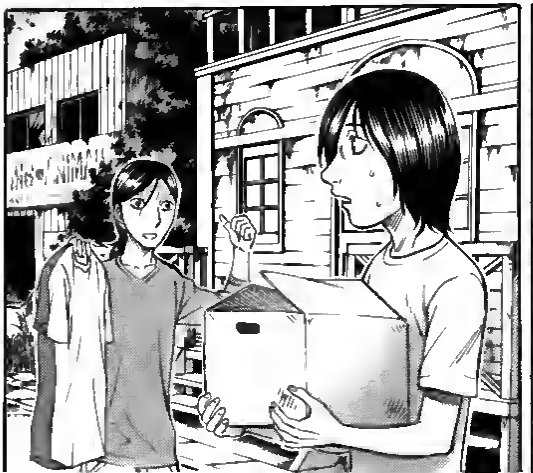
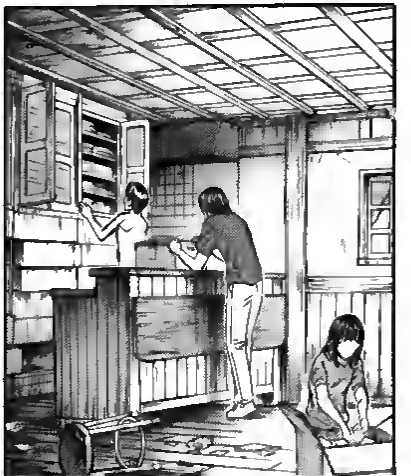
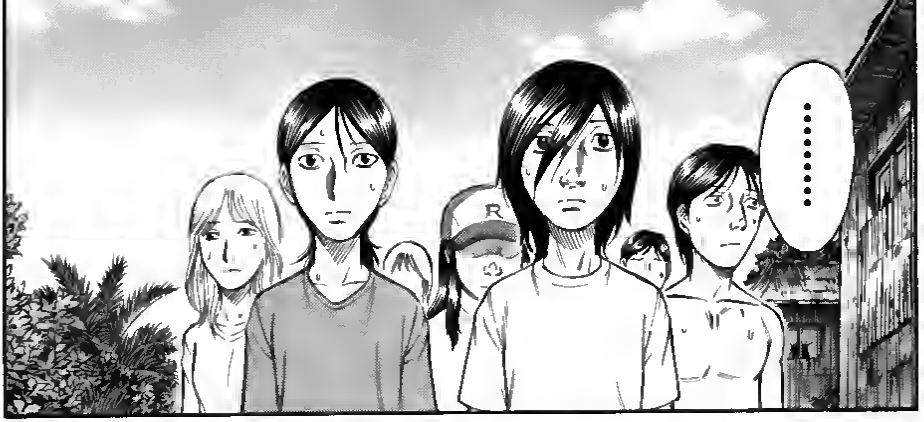
A SPECIES OF DEER WITH VARYING SUBSPECIES FROM THE YEZO DEER IN HOKKAIDO TO THE KERAMA DEER IN KERAMA, OKINAWA (AS WELL AS OTHERS IN HONSHU, SHIKOKU, AND KYUSHU). THE FARTHER SOUTH THEY GET, THE SMALLER THEIR BODIES ARE.



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WE HAVEN'T BEEN PAST THIS POINT FOR A WHILE.
YEAH.
EVERYONE KNEW WHAT EACH OTHER WAS THINKING.

PANIC.
THAT

WE TOOK THE ROAD INTO THE MOUNTAINS,
BUT IN ORDER TO AVOID THE BEACH,
YEAH.
SOME SMOKE WENT UP... SO THERE MUST BE PEOPLE THERE.
GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO ALL SEARCH AROUND ONE BY ONE——
SO THERE WAS A SETTLEMENT HERE TOO...
OKAY.
IF YOU FIND SOMETHING BIG, CALL. WE'LL ALL HELP CARRY IT.
"EXCUSE ME"... GUESS I DON'T NEED TO SAY THAT.

THIS PLACE IS SURROUNDED BY TREES... SO IT ISN'T TOO MESSED UP.
THE WINDOWS AREN'T BROKEN... PEOPLE MIGHT BE ABLE TO LIVE HERE.
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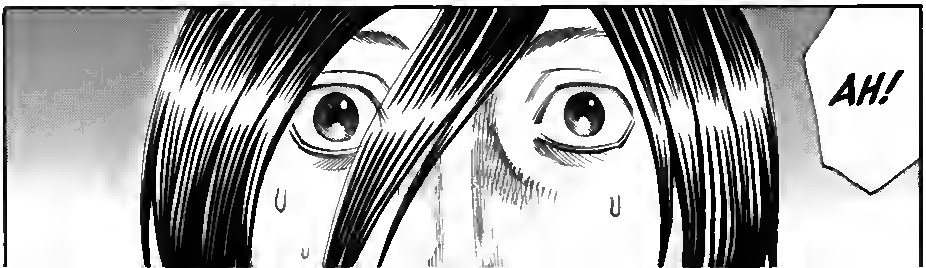
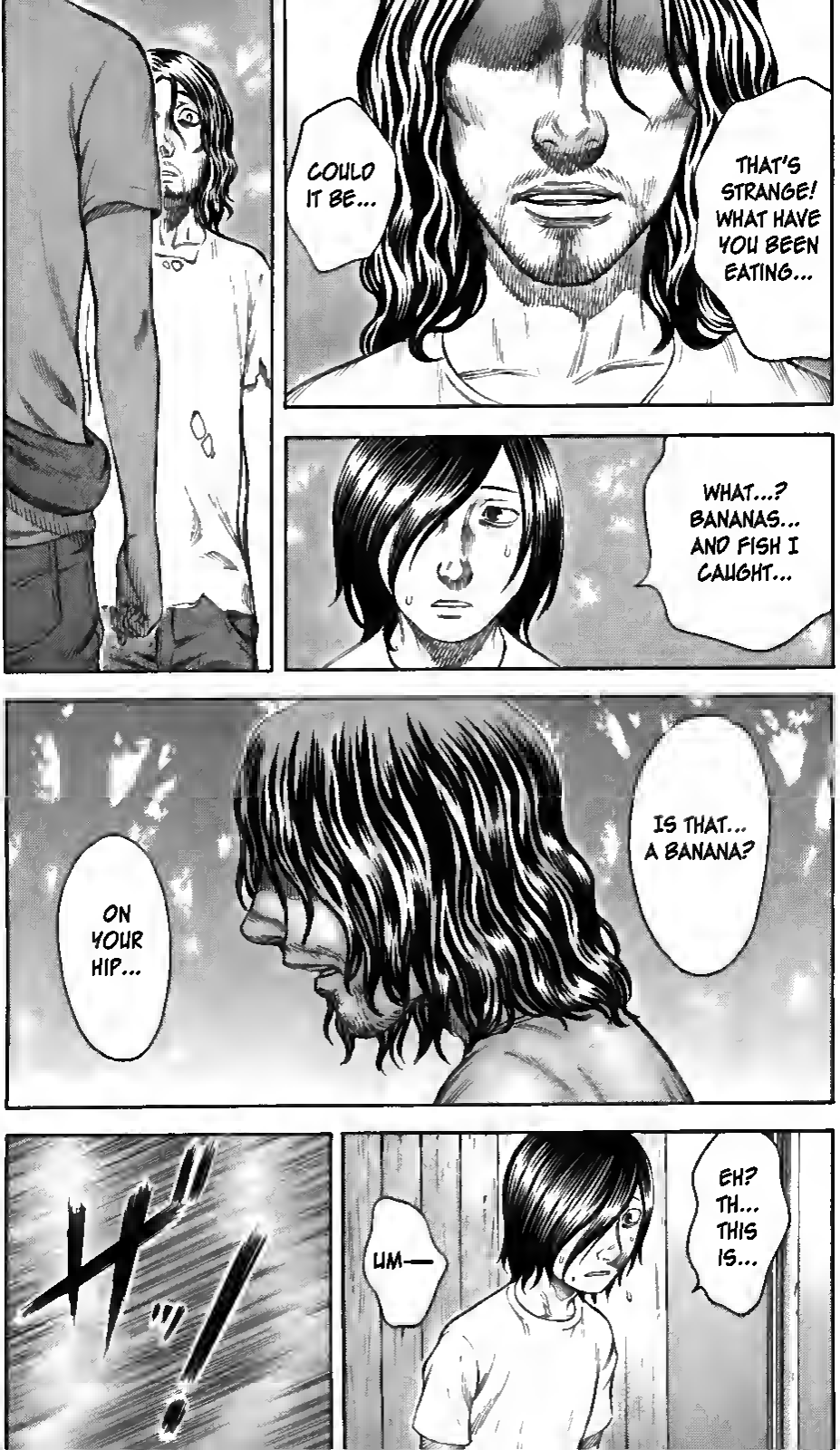

AH!

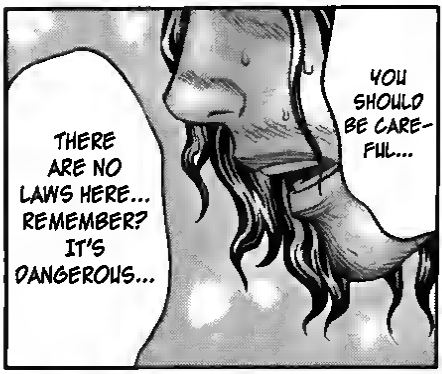
WH... WHAT IS THIS? HE ISN'T AN ANIMAL... HE'S A HUMAN... SO WHY?
WHA...! ...WH...
UM...!
...AH...
I'M SCARED ...
AH... AH, YOU.
...! OH, THAT'S RIGHT.
Y-YOU WERE WALKING AROUND THE BEACH...!
THAT TALL, UH... WHAT? WHY——

I'M SCARED... I WANT TO RUN...
EH? NO, ME NEITHER...
DON'T HAVE ANY MORE... HAHAHA!
WHAT... HAHAHA! FOOD, I, UH...
WH- WHAT'S WRONG?
NNN!?
EH?
THAT'S STRANGE ...
WE'VE BEEN HERE FIVE DAYS NOW... IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!
YOU... THE COLOR OF YOUR FACE LOOKS PRETTY GOOD.


COULD IT BE...
THAT'S STRANGE! WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN EATING...
WHAT...? BANANAS... AND FISH I CAUGHT...
IS THAT... A BANANA?
ON YOUR HIP...
H!!!
EH? TH... THIS IS...
UM—

AHH... O... OWW...
DON'T LIE TO ME!! IT IS, ISN'T IT!?!?
YOU DON'T MIND, DO YOU?
GIVE IT... TO ME.
I... THIS IS ALL I HAVE, TOO... FOR THE MORNING...
T-THAT HURTS... LET ME GO...!

GYAAH!!


YOU SHOULD BE CARE-FUL...
THERE ARE NO LAWS HERE... REMEMBER? IT'S DANGEROUS...

O... OWW...

SEE!?!?
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?

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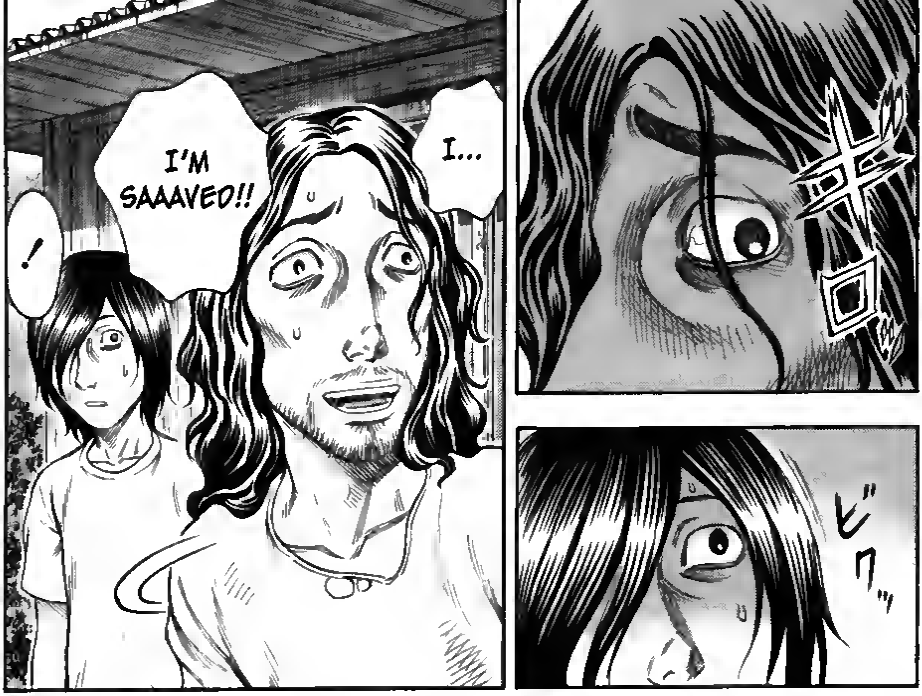
THANKS.
THIS'LL HELP.
HUH... WHO IS THAT...?
AH...


I'M SAAAVED!!
I...
!
ビク"!

ARE YOU OKAY?
O-OH REALLY...
GAVE ME A BANANA!
I... I'VE HAD NOTHING TO EAT THIS WHOLE TIME...!! AND HE JUST...

SEI...
?
WANT SOME... WATER?
MAKE SURE TO EAT IT SLOWLY.
ビク
WHAT'S WRONG? YOUR FACE... IT'S RED?
COMRADE.
AND A NEW...
IT'S NOTHING ...
ON OUR EXPLORATION, WE MANAGED TO FIND A LITTLE CLOTHING
NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT

OR THAT I DIDN'T WANT TO ACCEPT, EVEN NOW,
EVERYTHING THAT WAS HARD TO ACCEPT
BEGAN TO GIVE ME ENERGY.
SO MANY THINGS...

AND THE POWER TO TRY TO CHANGE AND MOVE FORWARD...
AND WITH IT... THE POWER TO RESIST,
BEGAN TO SLIP AWAY...
SLOWLY, BUT SURELY
I NEED TO MOVE AGAIN.
I CAN'T LET THIS HAPPEN.
DISAPPEARS.
BEFORE ALL MY ENERGY
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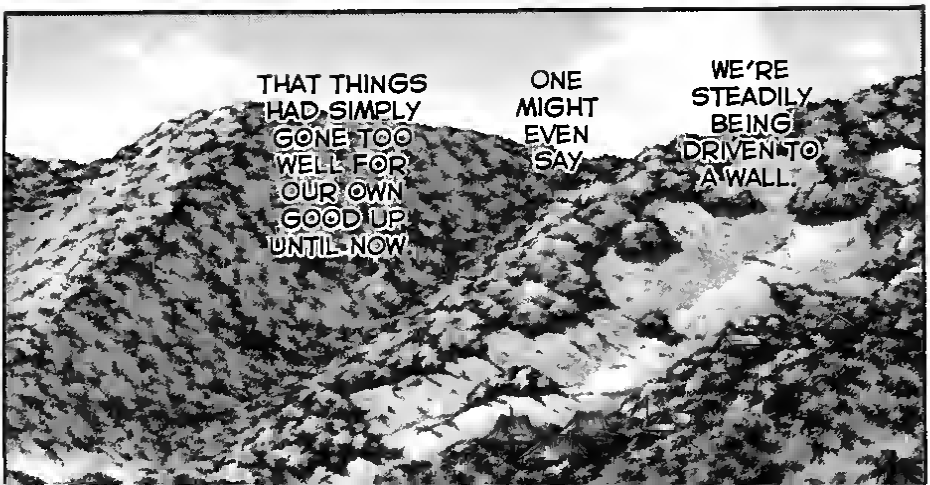
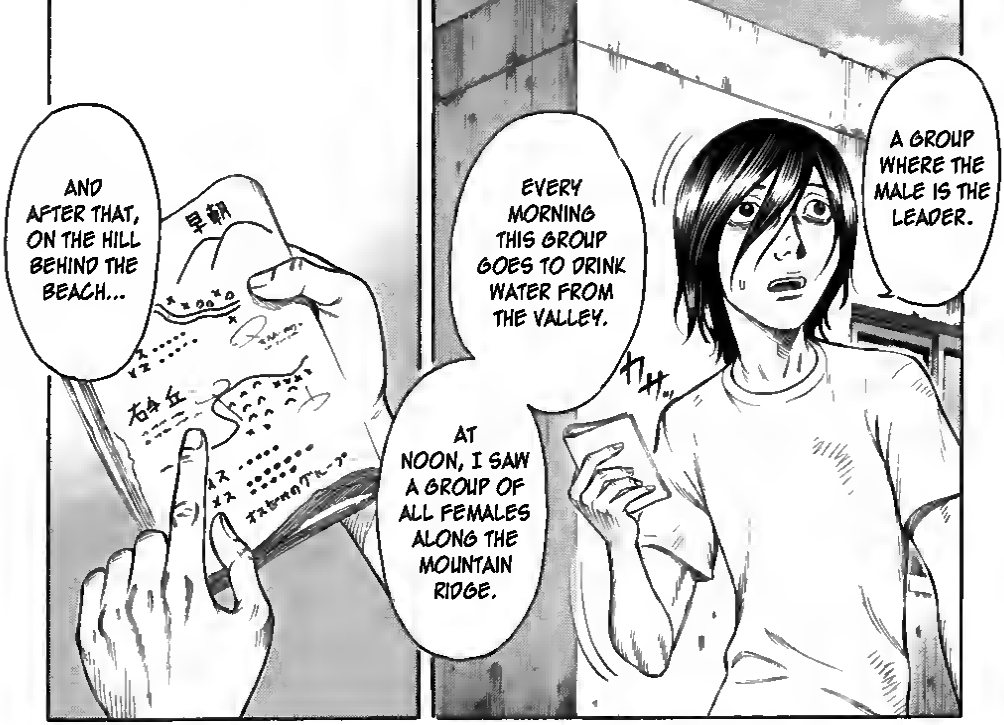
AND ALONG WITH THAT——
AFTER A FEW DAYS OF FISHING FAILURES CONTINUED, OUR FOOD CONDITIONS RAPIDLY WORSENED.

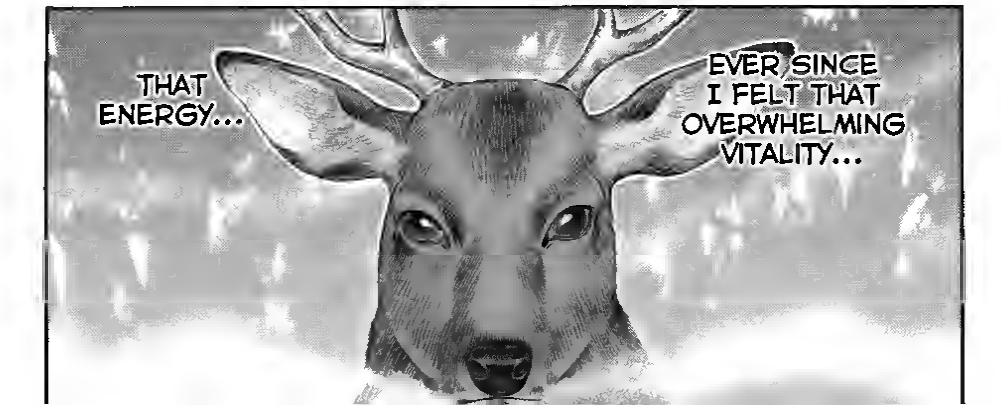
PEOPLE SPLITTING UP TO ACT ON THEIR OWN INCREASED.
AND INSTEAD OF WORKING TOGETHER,
DISCONTENT AMONG THE GROUP MEMBERS HEIGHTENED,


THAT THINGS HAD SIMPLY GONE TOO WELL FOR OUR OWN GOOD UP UNTIL NOW.
ONE MIGHT EVEN SAY
WE'RE STEADILY BEING DRIVEN TO A WALL.

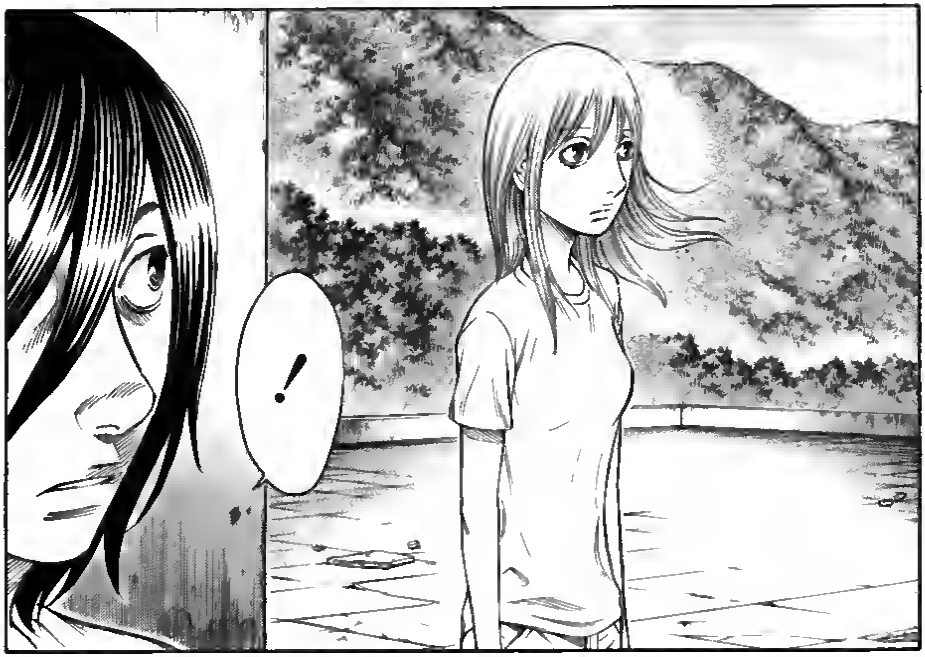
HAD TAKEN UP A DAILY HOBBY.
THERE THEY ARE...!
MIDST ALL OF THAT, I


A GROUP WHERE THE MALE IS THE LEADER.
EVERY MORNING THIS GROUP GOES TO DRINK WATER FROM THE VALLEY.
AT NOON, I SAW A GROUP OF ALL FEMALES ALONG THE MOUNTAIN RIDGE.
AND AFTER THAT, ON THE HILL BEHIND THE BEACH...

SO THERE IS SOME REGULARITY IN THEIR MOVEMENT... IF I CAN FOLLOW THEM WELL...
I MIGHT BE ABLE TO SEE THEM AGAIN...!!
I WAS ENTRANCED.


EVER SINCE I FELT THAT OVERWHELMING VITALITY...
THAT ENERGY...

BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.
NEXT IS AT NIGHT.
THEY'LL COME OUT ON THE HILL BY THE BEACH...
I FELT LIKE I WANTED TO TOUCH IT AGAIN.
THEY'RE GONE...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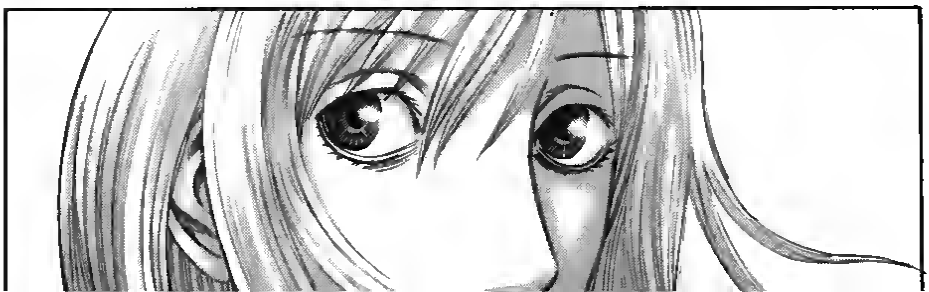

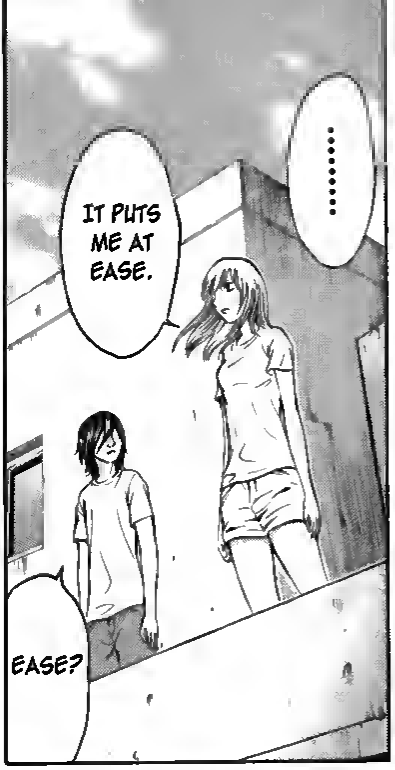
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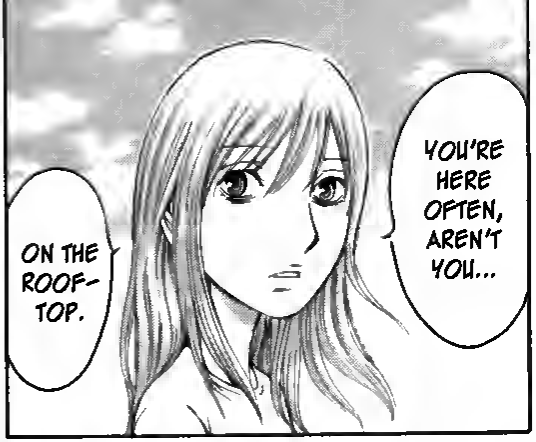
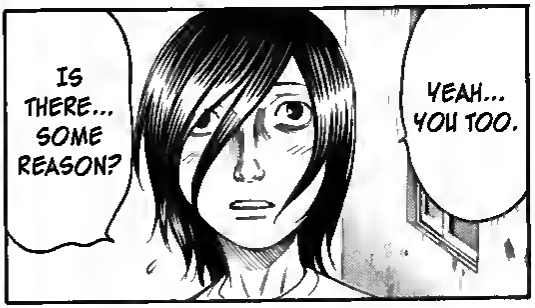
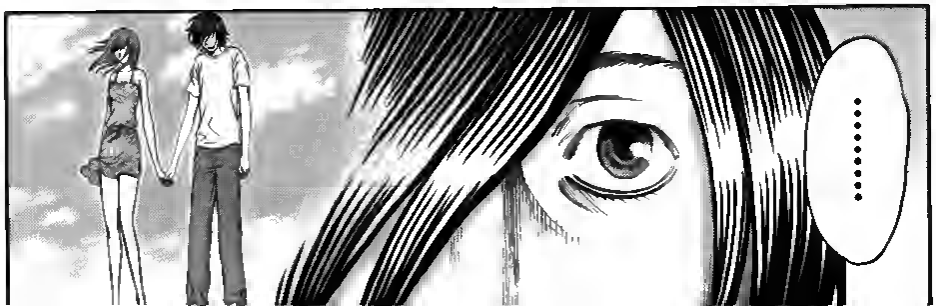
IT PUTS ME AT EASE.
EASE?


YOU'RE HERE OFTEN, AREN'T YOU...
ON THE ROOF-TOP.


YEAH... YOU TOO.
IS THERE... SOME REASON?

I CAN END THIS AT ANY TIME.
FEELING THAT WAY
PUTS ME AT EASE A LITTLE.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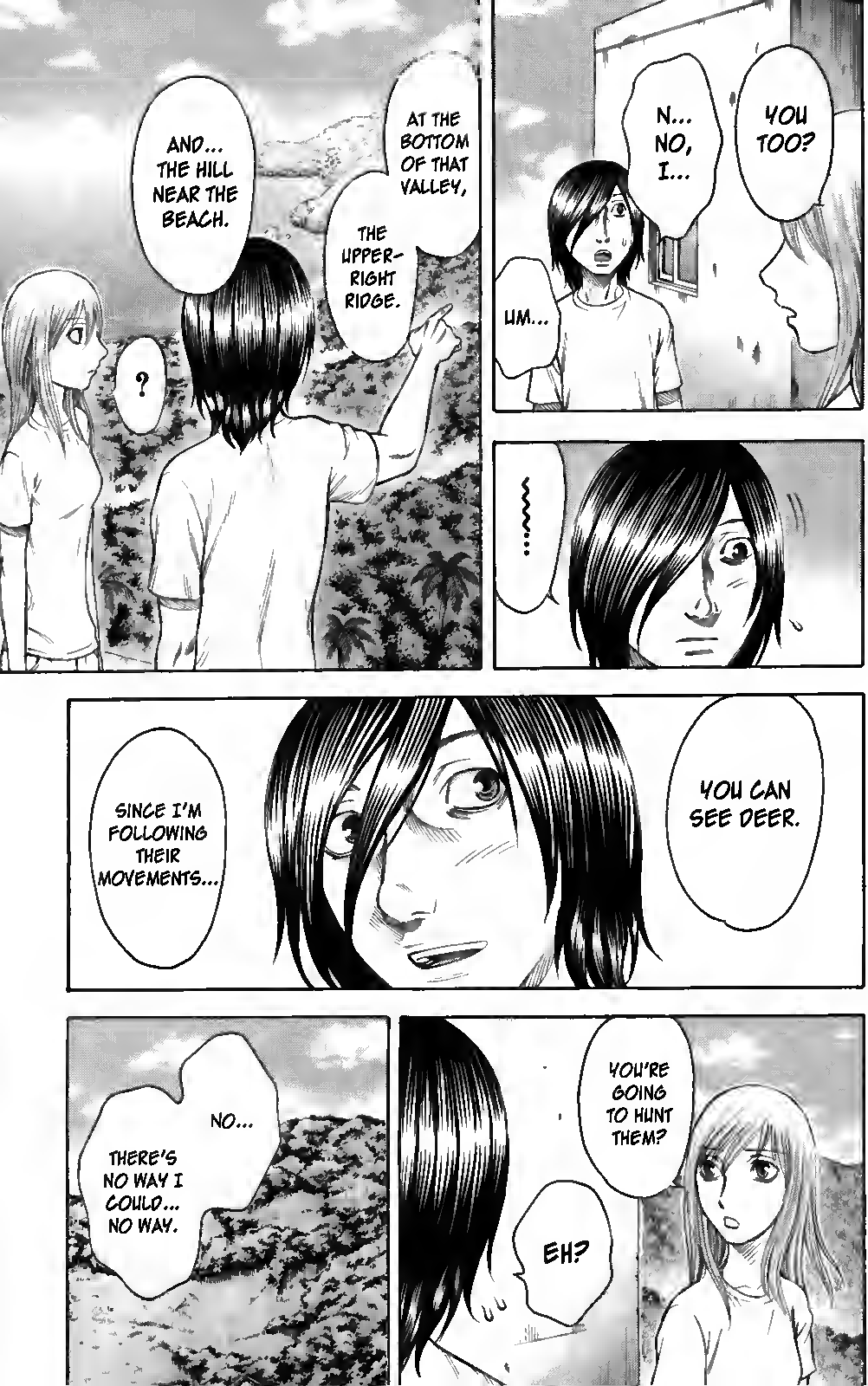
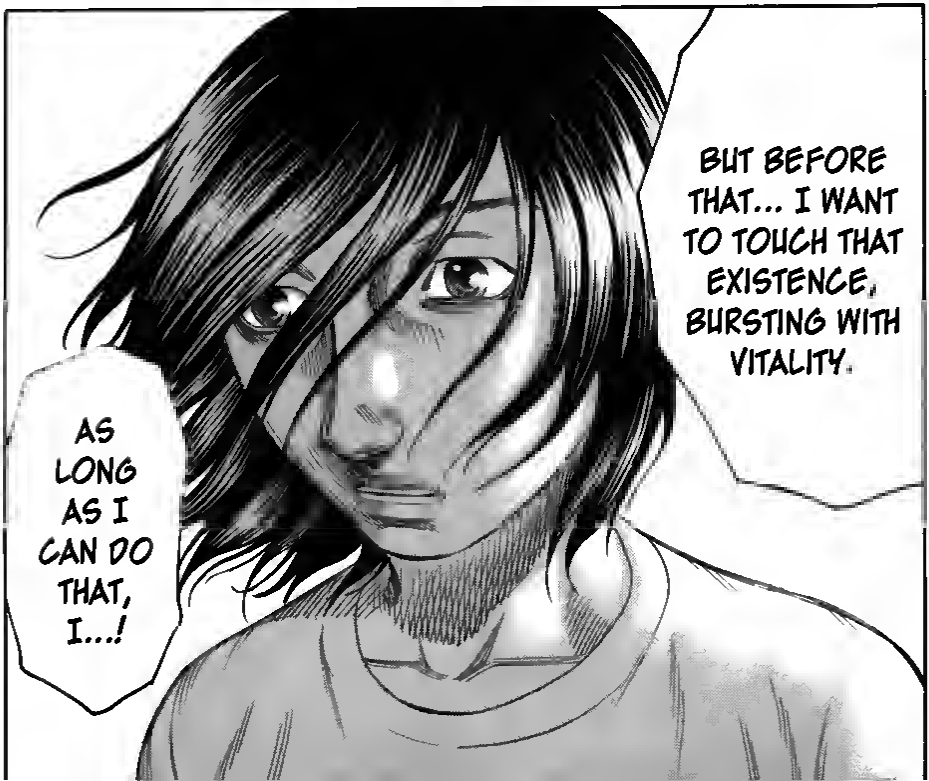
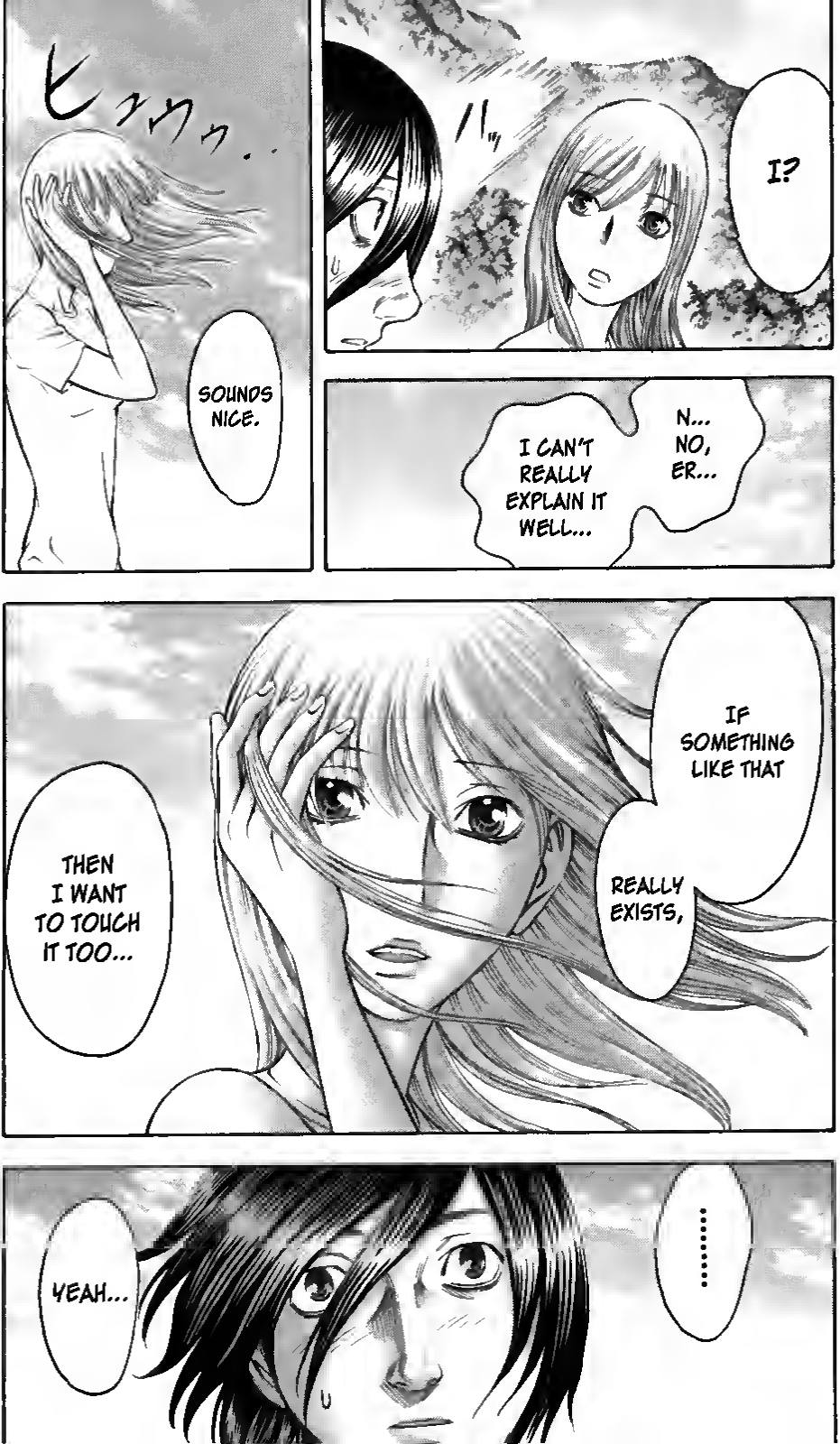

AND... THE HILL NEAR THE BEACH.
AT THE BOTTOM OF THAT VALLEY, THE UPPER-RIGHT RIDGE.
?
UM...
N... NO, I...
YOU TOO?
.....
YOU CAN SEE DEER.
SINCE I'M FOLLOWING THEIR MOVEMENTS...
NO... THERE'S NO WAY I COULD... NO WAY.
EH?
YOU'RE GOING TO HUNT THEM?

NO MATTER WHAT I DO,
WE... NO, I...
I'M JUST GOING TO END UP DYING IN THE END...
IS DIF-FERENT.
IT'D BE GOOD FOR US IF WE WERE ABLE TO, BUT... MY INTEREST


AS LONG AS I CAN DO THAT, I...!
BUT BEFORE THAT... I WANT TO TOUCH THAT EXISTENCE, BURSTING WITH VITALITY.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SOUNDS NICE.
I?
N... NO, ER...
I CAN'T REALLY EXPLAIN IT WELL...
IF SOMETHING LIKE THAT REALLY EXISTS,
THEN I WANT TO TOUCH IT TOO...
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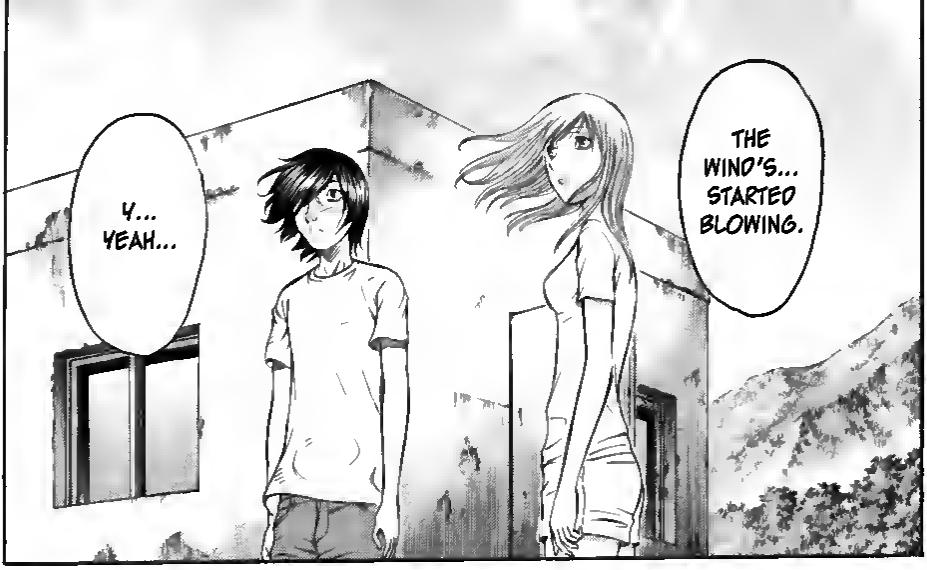
YEAH...


THE WIND'S... STARTED BLOWING.
U... YEAH...

WHAT!? WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?
I DON'T KNOW...

WELL...
WHAT'S WRONG?
AH, SEI...
TOMO!
EH!?
APPARENTLY OUR BANANAS ARE ALL GONE.
I SAW IT TOO.
WHAT'LL WE DO? ...WE CAN'T EVEN FISH RIGHT NOW...
YEAH! THEY WERE ALL CUT FROM THE STALK!
WE STILL HAD TWO OR THREE BIG BUNCHES LEFT, RIGHT? ALL OF THEM ARE GONE!?

WHO WAS IT!?
NO... MORE IMPORTANTLY,
ピンポーン
C'MON!!!
I'LL FORGIVE YOU, SO JUST BE HONEST...
TWO BUNCHES OF 30 BANANAS EACH? NO ONE COULD EAT THAT MUCH ALONE!
WHAT'D YOU SAY JUST NOW!?
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO'S PISSED OFF HERE!!
WHAT ABOUT YOU, WITH THAT WEIRD ATTITUDE?
HUH!?

KYAAH!
ZAHHH!!
VVVOOHH!!

!
!?
GYAAH!!

IF YOU'RE GONNA FIGHT THEN DO IT SOMEWHERE ELSE.
I HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO TELL YOU ALL.

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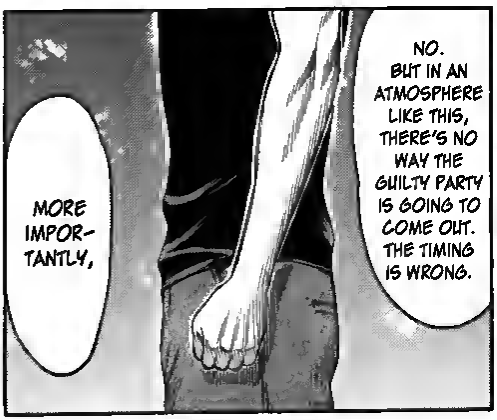
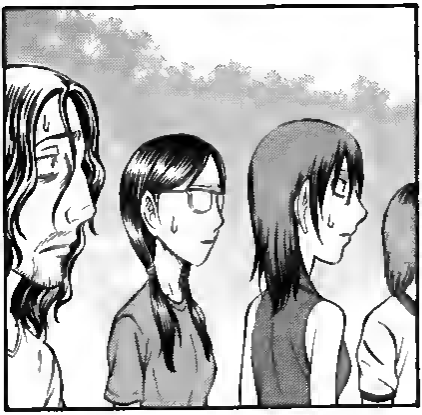
YOU'RE GOING TO INTERROGATE EACH AND EVERY PERSON?


NO. BUT IN AN ATMOSPHERE LIKE THIS, THERE'S NO WAY THE GUILTY PARTY IS GOING TO COME OUT. THE TIMING IS WRONG.
MORE IMPOR-TANTLY,



WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO? THIS IS SERIOUSLY BAD.
THE REAL PROBLEM IS THAT LATELY, THERE HAVE BEEN LESS AND LESS PEOPLE GOING OUT TO FISH!
WE NEED TO FISH.

YOU IDIOTS! THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TO KEEP TRYING UNTIL WE GET SOMETHING...
THERE'S NO OTHER WAY TO GET ANY FOOD!

EVEN IF WE DO TRY, WE NEVER CATCH ANYTHING...
I HAVEN'T EATEN A THING, HOW DO YOU EXPECT ME TO HAVE ENOUGH STAMINA TO GO FISHING!

THERE'S NO WAY IT COULD BE THAT EASY.
GUESS IT REALLY WAS TOO MUCH FOR AMATEURS TO HANDLE...

ME TOO...
I'LL GO LOOK FOR SOME DIFFERENT FOOD.

RYOU-KUN...
HEY! WE CAN'T LAY DOWN THE NET UNLESS WE HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE!!

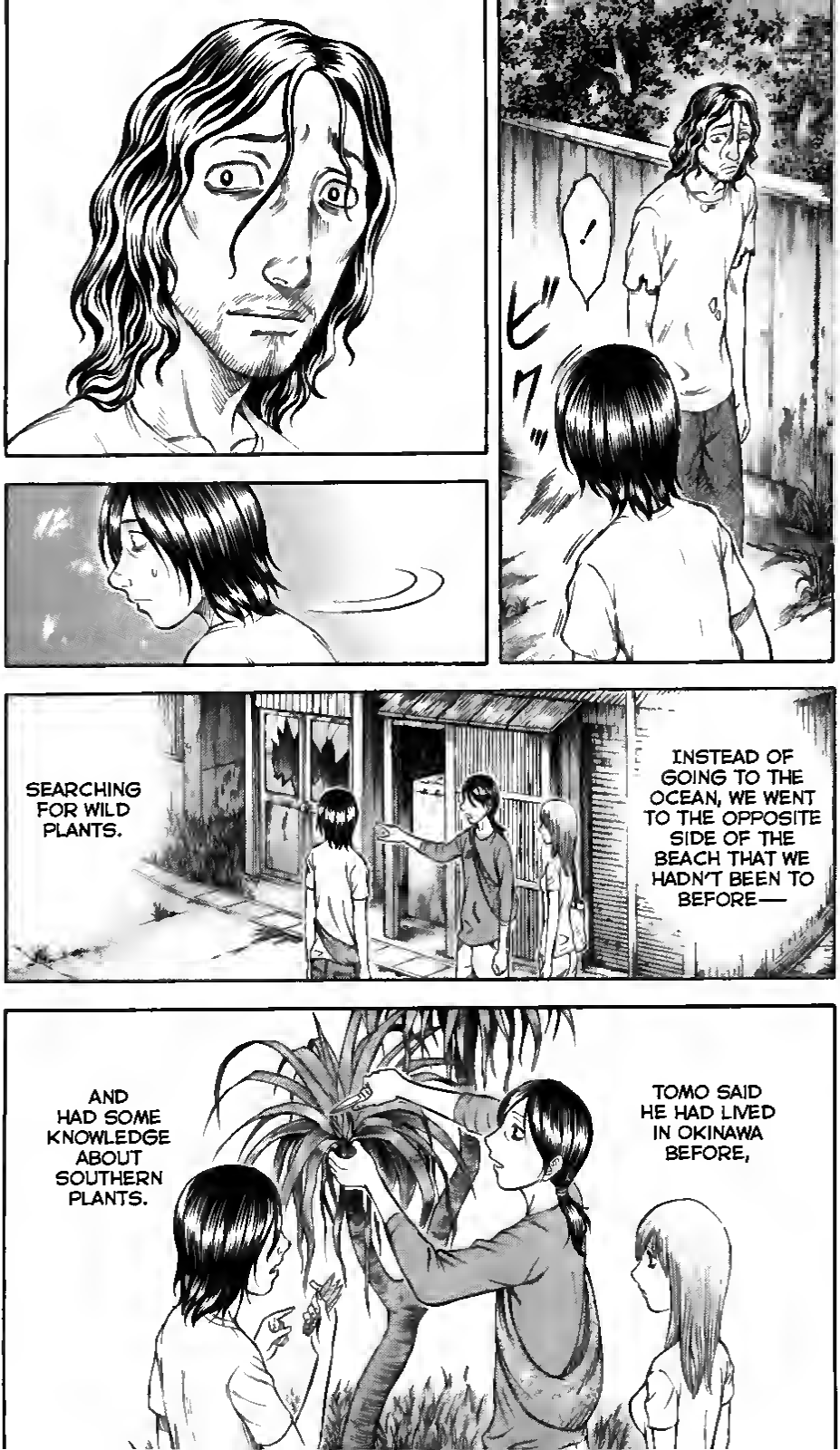
NOW EVERYONE'S GOING TO START LOSING TRUST IN EACH OTHER...
JUST WHO... DID THAT...?

W-WAIT!
GOD DAM-MIT!

YOU NEVER KNOW...
YEAH...
WELL,
AND THEN MAYBE... WE'LL ALL START STEALING EACH OTHER'S FOOD...

YOU COMING TOO? IT'LL BE DANGEROUS FOR A GIRL TO STAY ALONE

ANYWAY, LET'S ALL LOOK FOR SOME FOOD AS WELL.
YEAH...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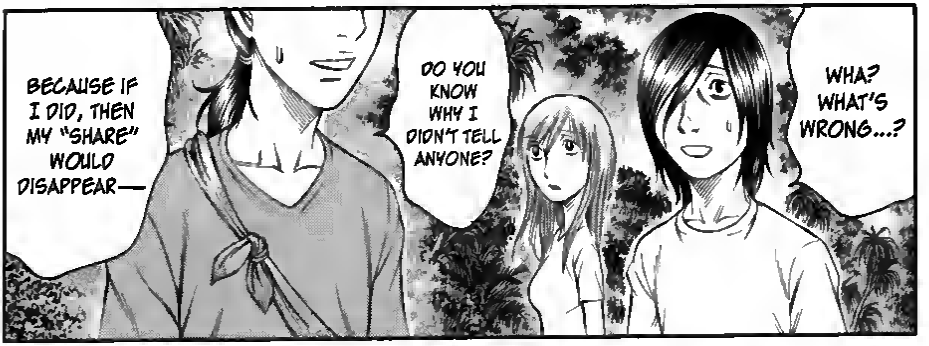
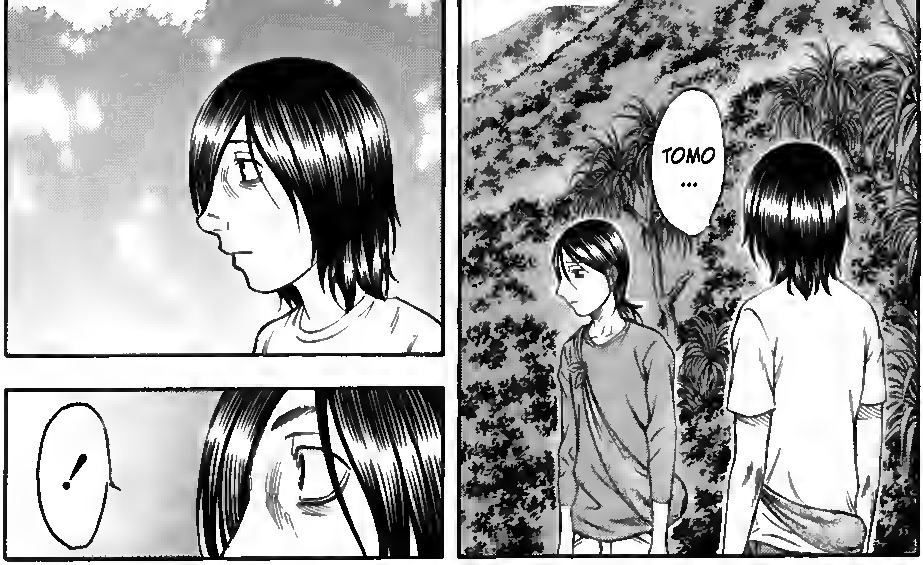
SEARCHING FOR WILD PLANTS.
INSTEAD OF GOING TO THE OCEAN, WE WENT TO THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE BEACH THAT WE HADN'T BEEN TO BEFORE—
AND HAD SOME KNOWLEDGE ABOUT SOUTHERN PLANTS.
TOMO SAID HE HAD LIVED IN OKINAWA BEFORE,

I'M NOT DIFFERENT FROM THE BANANA THIEF...
NO, I'M THE SAME.
THERE ARE A LOT OF THESE GROWING HERE! IF EVERYONE KNEW...
.....
THATCH, SCREWPINE: GROWS ON BEACHES IN THE SUBTROPICS. SOFT BUDS IN THE CENTER OF THE LEAVES CAN BE CUT OFF AND USED. IS FRUIT SURPRISINGLY THE PINEAPPLE-LOOKING FRUIT THAT SPROUTS OUT CANNOT BE EATEN.
*T/L NOTE: THIS IS A MISTAKE ON MORI'S PART. IT CAN BE USED AS FOOD AND IS OFTEN EATEN IN MICRONESIA.
TOMO?
I...


BECAUSE IF I DID, THEN MY "SHARE" WOULD DISAPPEAR—
DO YOU KNOW WHY I DIDN'T TELL ANYONE?
WHA? WHAT'S WRONG...?

MUST BE WEAK, JUST LIKE ME... I'M SURE OF IT.
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT... THAT IT'D BE STOLEN BY A STRONGER PERSON.
THE PERSON WHO STOLE THE BANANAS...


TOMO
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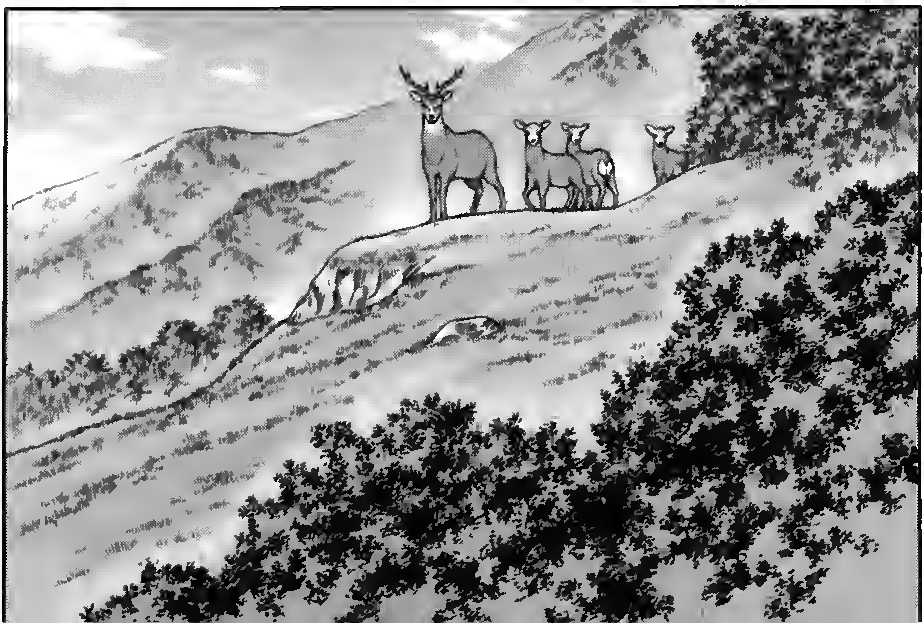
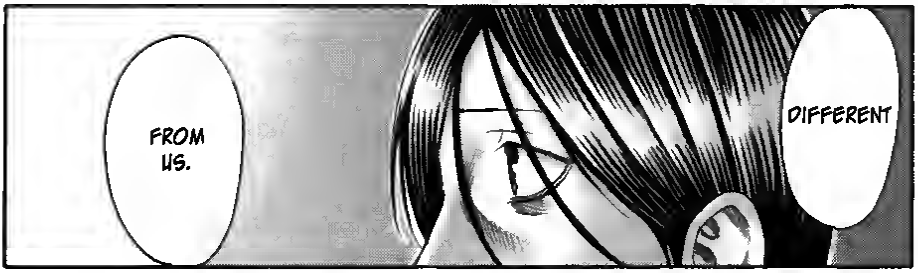
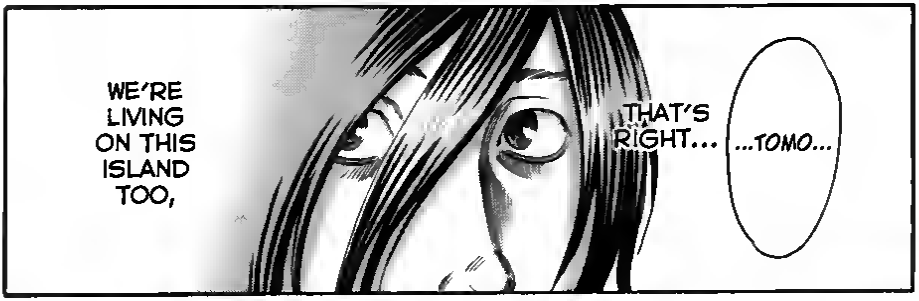
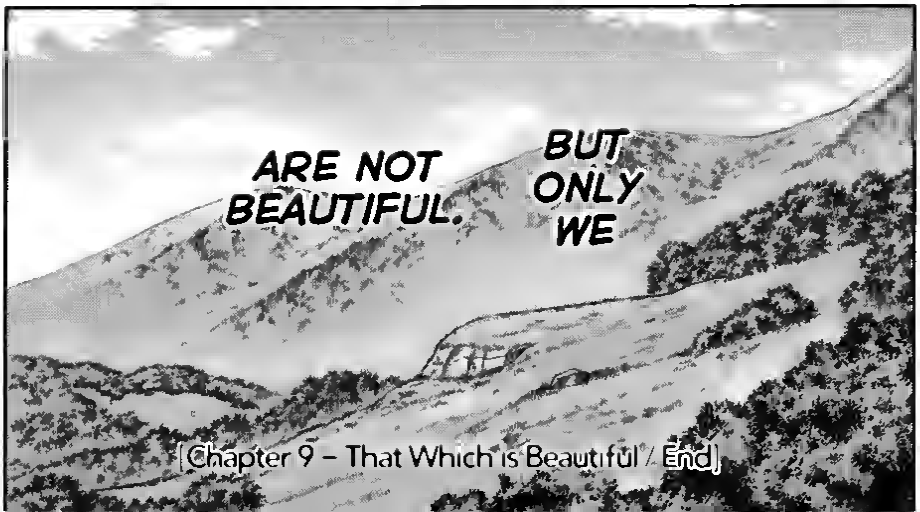
LOOK! THE HILL ON THE LEFT SIDE...
WH... WHAT?
AHHH!!









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Chapter 10 – The Requirements

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EH?
WHY... IS IT?
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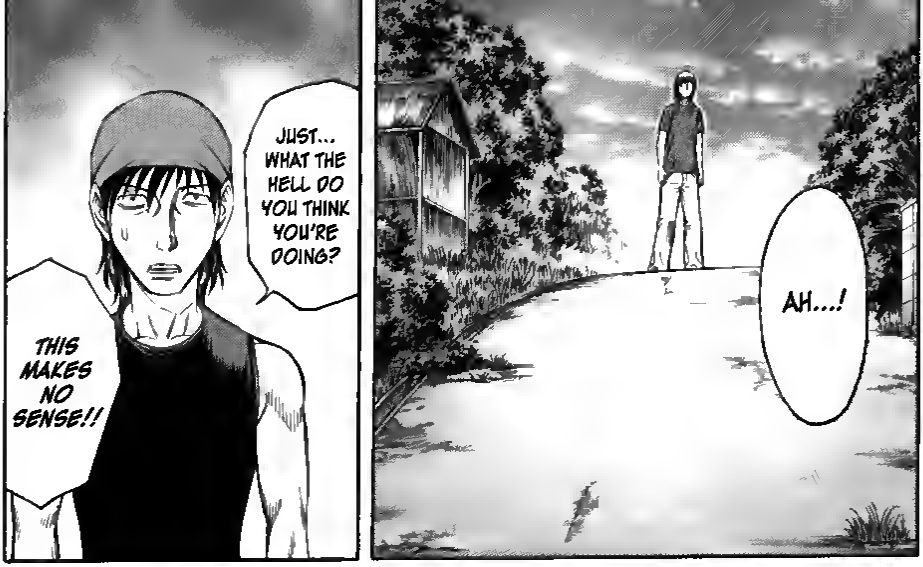
WHY ARE THEY SO BEAUTIFUL...
SO STRONG...

BECAUSE WE AREN'T INNOCENT...
...PROBABLY
.....
INNOCENT?
SEARCHING FOR FOOD IN ORDER TO LIVE.
FLYING.
RUNNING... SWIMMING.
BASKING IN SUNLIGHT,
SLEEPING WHEN TIRED...
THEY'RE ALL... JUST LIVING IN ORDER TO LIVE.

THIS ISLAND'S... NO, ALL LIVING CREATURES
KNOW THE JOY OF LIVING SOLELY TO LIVE.
WE—
ASIDE FROM WE HUMANS...

RYOU-KUN!
OVER THERE!?
YEAH!
キャアアア!
THEN WE—
IF THAT'S THE CASE...
VOICES!
!
A-AT THAT CORNER...
SOMEONE'S COLLAPSED!?
H... HORRI-BLE!
IT LOOKS... LIKE THERE WAS A FIGHT.
WHAT HAPPENED...

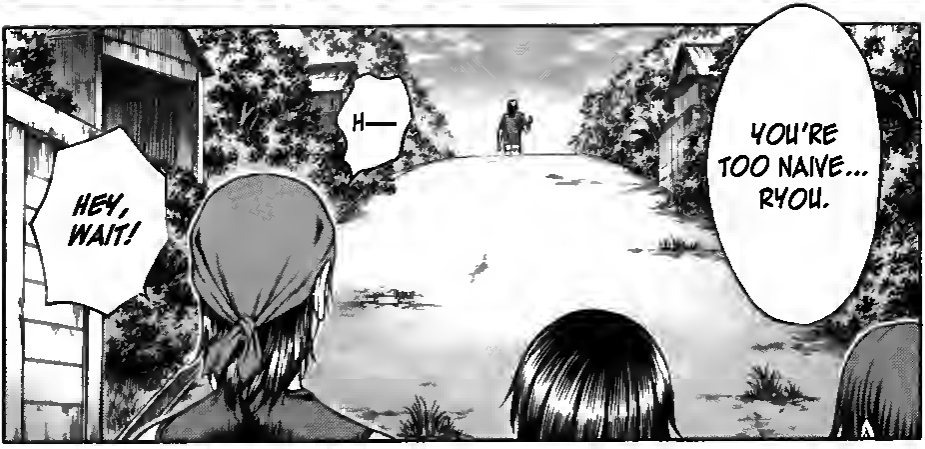
HEY! YOU ALRIGHT!?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
THEN WE...
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN WE...
hoo hoo...
ggh gggh... hoo... hoo...
WHERE'S THE OTHER ONE!?
WE ARE.
WHAT SAD, SAD CREATURES
LOOKS LIKE THEY KEPT FIGHTING AFTER THAT.
I'M SCARED ...!
THEY TOOK THIS WAY TOO FAR

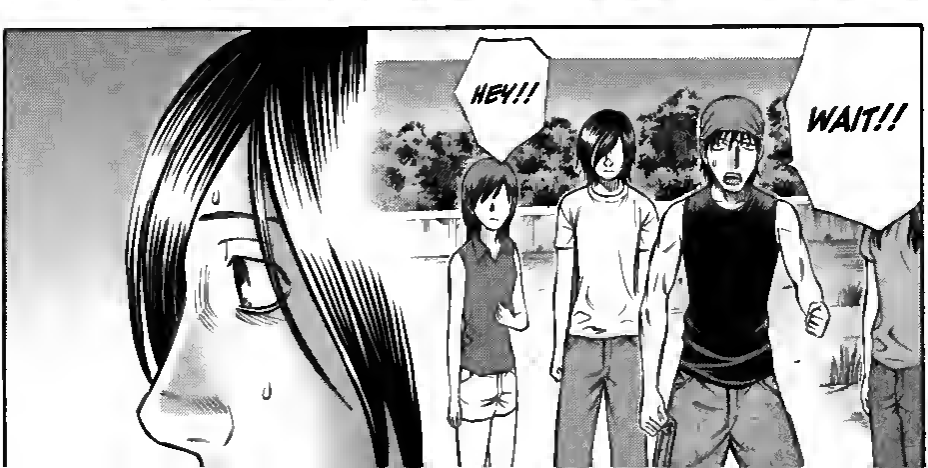

JUST... WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
THIS MAKES NO SENSE!!
AH...!

THEY HAVE TO END IT BETWEEN THEM SOMEHOW.
IF A DIS-AGREEMENT DEVELOPS BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE,
THERE ARE NO RULES HERE.

DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE OVERDOING IT!??
IF WE DON'T WORK TOGETHER, WE AREN'T GONNA MAKE IT HERE!!

NO, I DON'T. WHAT'S WRONG WITH KILLING THOSE WHO OPPOSE ME, IN ORDER TO SURVIVE?
DON'T YOU REMEMBER WHAT KAI SAID?
YOU... BAS- TARD!


YOU'RE TOO NAIVE... RYOU.
H—
HEY, WAIT!


HEY!!
WAIT!!

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THIS SHOULD DO IT...

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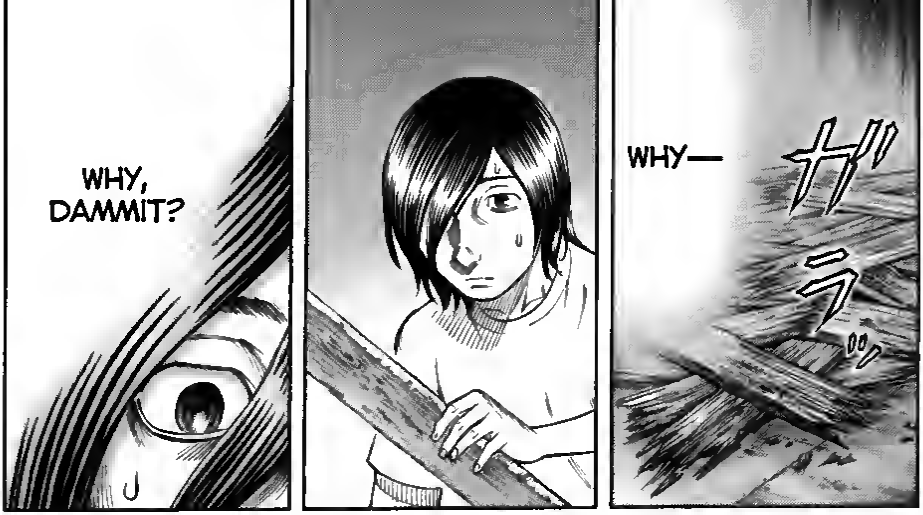
IN MY HEAD, TOMO'S WORDS
HOOO... NO GOOD ...
SWIRLED.
NOT STURDY ENOUGH.


WHY, DAMMIT?
WHY—

BACK IN SOCIETY—
WE'VE DISTANCED OURSELVES TOO FAR FROM OTHER ANIMALS.

DIDN'T FEEL HAPPY.
OR SLEPT IN A WARM FUTON, I...
EVEN IF I ATE UNTIL I WAS FULL,

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THIS...
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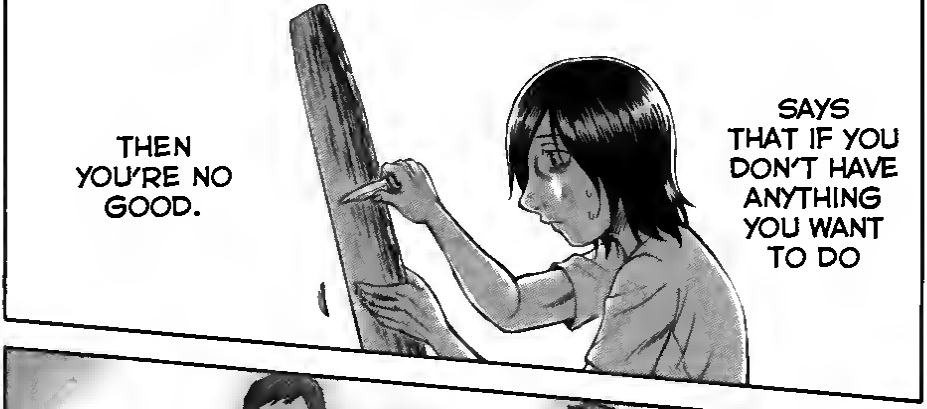
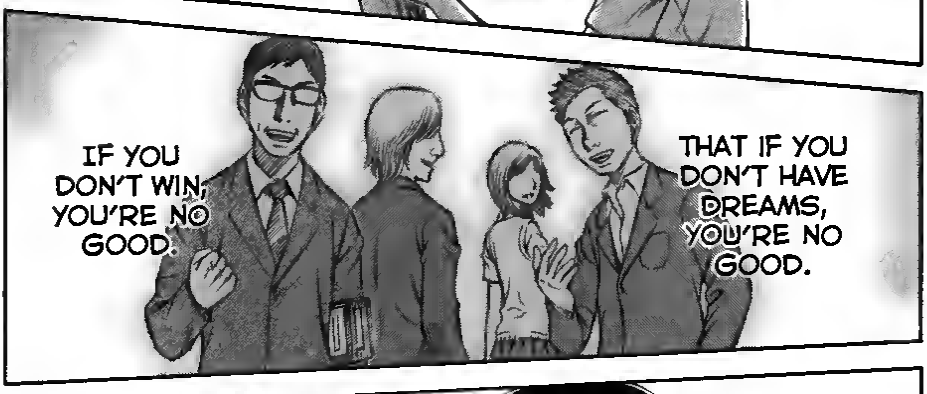
IS REALLY FLEXIBLE...!
I DIDN'T FEEL THE HAPPINESS OF LIVING
THAT EVERY OTHER CREATURES FEELS.
THIS'LL DO IT!

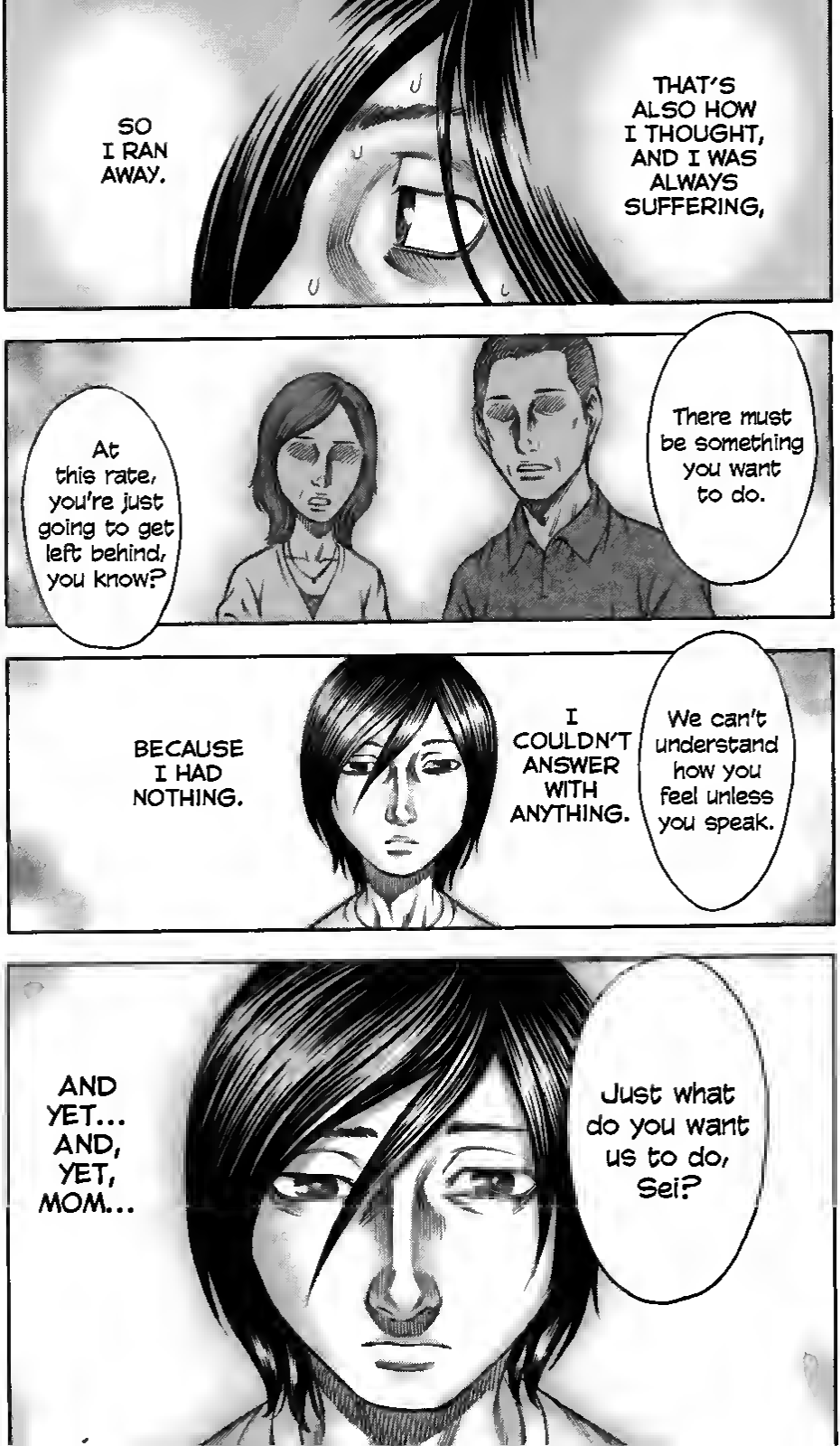
WE'VE TURNED OUR BACKS,
OF LIVING.
SWALLOWED UP IN THE PAIN
I... THE SOCIETY I WAS IN—


THEN YOU'RE NO GOOD.
SAYS THAT IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO DO


IF YOU DON'T WIN, YOU'RE NO GOOD.
THAT IF YOU DON'T HAVE DREAMS, YOU'RE NO GOOD.

IF YOU CAN'T ACCUMULATE A LOT...
IF YOU CAN'T GET A NICE LIFE...

THEN YOU AREN'T HAPPY, THEY SAID.

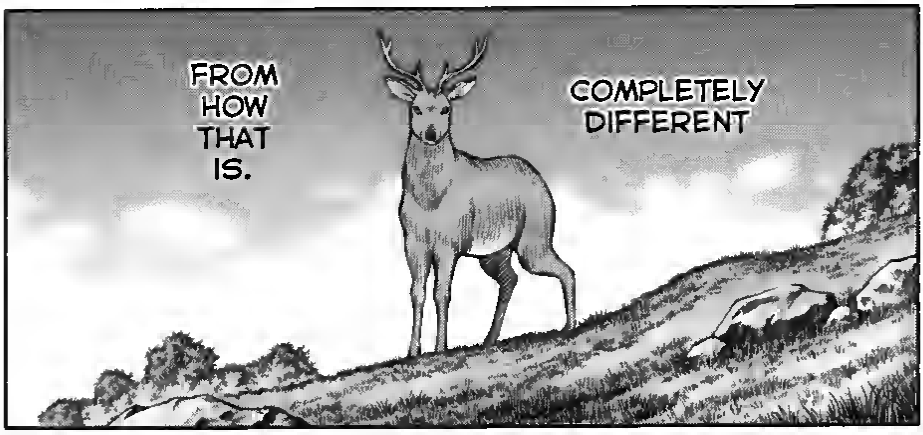

SO I RAN AWAY.
THAT'S ALSO HOW I THOUGHT, AND I WAS ALWAYS SUFFERING,
At this rate, you're just going to get left behind, you know?
There must be something you want to do.
BECAUSE I HAD NOTHING.
I COULDN'T ANSWER WITH ANYTHING.
We can't understand how you feel unless you speak.
AND YET... AND, YET, MOM...
Just what do you want us to do, Sei?

I...

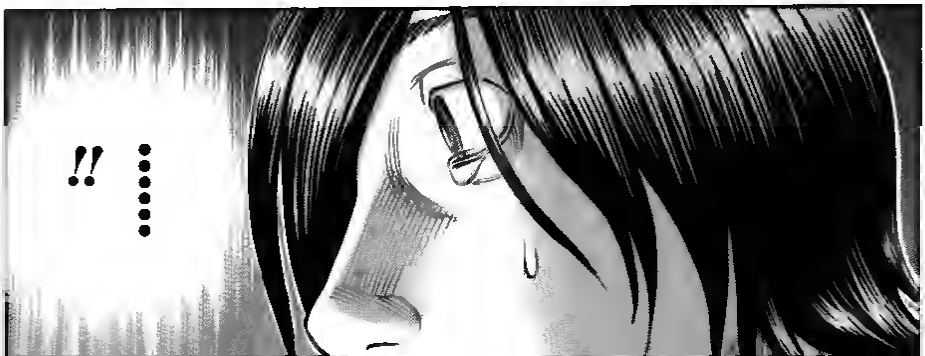
I JUST WANTED YOU TO SAY

THAT I'M FINE HOW I AM.

THIS IS ALL SENTI-MENTAL.
THIS IS WRONG...
NO...


FROM HOW THAT IS.
COMPLETELY DIFFERENT

SOMETHING...
DON'T GET DRAGGED AWAY BY SEN-TIMENTALISM... THERE'S SOMETHING MORE...
I FEEL LIKE... I'M ON THE VERGE OF UNDER-STANDING SOMETHING... THINK!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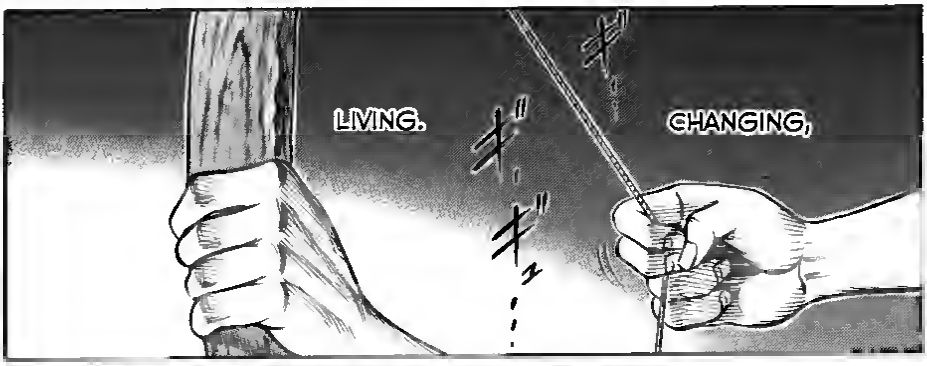
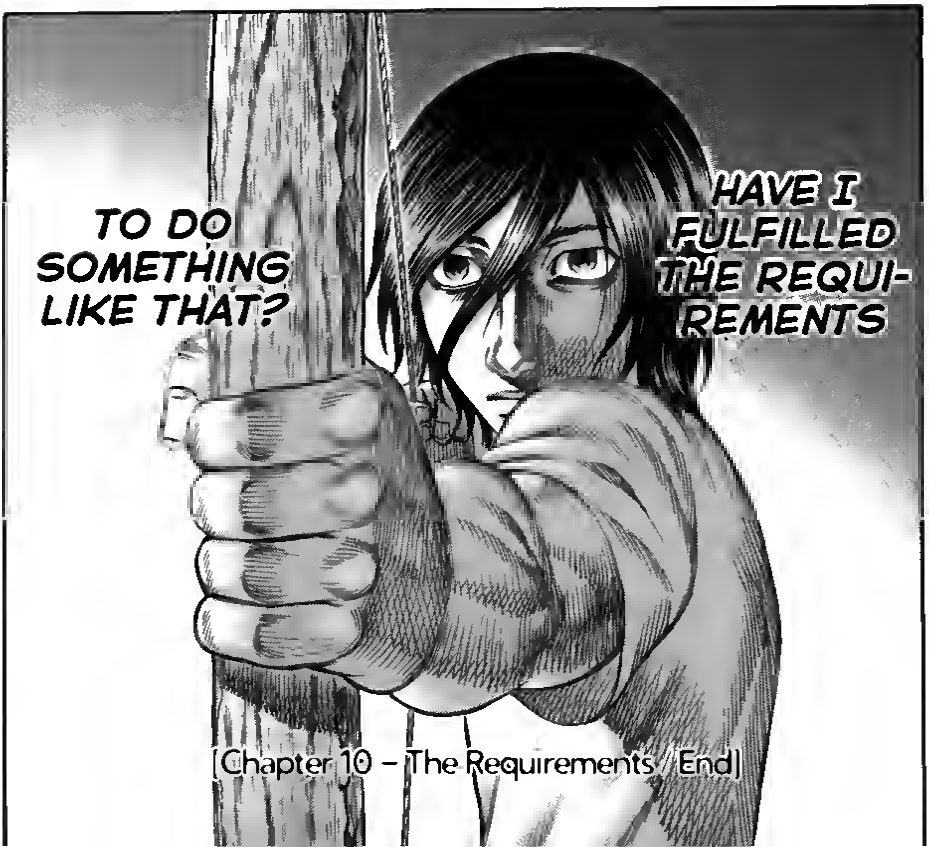
THINKING ABOUT LIVING...!?
RIGHT NOW... AM I...
THAT'S ALL I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT SO FAR, BUT NOW—
ENDING EVERYTHING.
DYING, RUNNING,

EVER SINCE I GOT TO THIS ISLAND...
I'VE BEEN FEELING IT THIS WHOLE TIME





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